

The IRS developed the Small Business Health Care Credit Estimator to help you find out whether you're eligible for the Small Business Health Care Credit and how much you might receive.

What is the Credit?

You are an eligible small employer for the tax year if you meet these three requirements.

1. **You paid premiums for employee health insurance coverage under a [qualifying arrangement](#) .**
2. **You had fewer than 25 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) for the tax year.** You may be able to meet this requirement even if you had 25 or more employees.
3. **You paid average annual wages for the tax year of less than \$50,000 per FTE.**

What is the Estimator?

This tool is intended to help small businesses and practitioners determine their eligibility for the credit and the possible amount of the credit. Primarily, you may qualify for the credit if you can answer "yes" to these questions:

1. Do you have [eligible employees](#)?
2. Do you offer [health insurance](#) to your employees?
3. Do you contribute to the cost of health insurance for your employees?

This tool can help you estimate it. However, this estimator does not determine:

1. Whether the health insurance coverage you offer is an eligible plan,
2. Which of your employees are considered employees for purposes of the credit.

Claiming the Credit?

Remember, this estimator will help **estimate** the credit based on the information you enter. To **claim** the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, you *must* complete and attach the appropriate Form and file it with the IRS.

Why just an estimate? The credit provided by the estimator is based on the information you entered. We can't guarantee the amount without a complete and thorough review of your situation - which is beyond the scope of this tool.

Getting Started

To use the estimator, you'll need certain information, including:

1. Information about your employees (including total hours worked and total wages)
2. Information about the health insurance costs you pay on behalf of your employees.