



Instructions for Form IT-243

Claim for Biofuel Production Credit

General Information

What is the biofuel production credit?

The biofuel production credit is available to taxpayers for biofuel produced at a biofuel plant located in New York State. The credit is available for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2013.

The allowable credit is fifteen cents (\$.15) per gallon of biofuel produced at a biofuel plant located in New York State, after the production of the first 40,000 gallons per year presented to market. The biofuel must be produced on or after January 1, 2006, to qualify for the credit. The credit can be claimed for four consecutive tax years per biofuel plant.

The credit is limited to \$2.5 million per taxpayer per tax year. If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax for the year, the excess is treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded without interest.

Definitions

Biofuel — means a fuel which includes biodiesel and ethanol. Biofuel may also include any other fuel that meets the standard approved by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority.

Biodiesel — means a fuel comprised exclusively of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, designated B100, which meets the specifications of the American Society of Testing and Materials designation D 6751-02.

Ethanol — means ethyl alcohol manufactured in the United States and its territories and sold:

- for fuel use and which has been rendered unfit for beverage use in a manner and which is produced at a facility approved by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for the production of ethanol for fuel, **or**
- as denatured ethanol used by blenders and refiners which has been rendered unfit for beverage use.

Biofuel Plant — means a commercial facility located in New York State at which one or more biofuels are produced.

Who may file Form IT-243

- Individuals (including sole proprietors);
- Fiduciaries of estates and trusts;
- Partners in a partnership (including members of an LLC if the LLC is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes);
- Shareholders of a New York S corporation; and
- Beneficiaries of an estate or trust.

How to claim the biofuel production credit

File Form IT-243 with your personal income tax return, Form IT-201 or Form IT-203 if you are an individual, a partner in a partnership (including members of an LLC treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes), a shareholder of a New York S corporation, or a beneficiary of an estate or trust.

A partnership must file Form IT-243 with Form IT-204, *Partnership Return*, showing the total amount of biofuel production credit. Partnerships must provide each partner with information about their share of the biofuel production credit from the partnership.

An estate or trust that divides the credit among itself and its beneficiaries must attach Form IT-243 to Form IT-205, *Fiduciary Income Tax Return*, showing each beneficiary's share of the credit.

An S corporation cannot file Form IT-243. It must file Form CT-243, *Claim for Biofuel Production Credit*. If you are a shareholder of a New York S corporation, obtain information about your share of the credit from the S corporation.

Filing in your tax forms

For complete information on how to fill in New York State scannable income tax forms, see the instructions for:

- resident return (Form IT-201),
- nonresident and part-year resident return (Form IT-203),
- partnership return (Form IT-204), **or**
- fiduciary return (Form IT-205).

Also see the instructions for the above returns for the *Privacy notification* or if you need help contacting the Tax Department.

Specific instructions

Individuals (including sole proprietors)

Complete Part 1 and Part 5.

Partnerships

Complete Part 1.

Partners in a partnership, shareholders of a New York S corporation, and beneficiaries of an estate or trust

Complete Parts 2, 3, and 5.

Fiduciaries

Complete Parts 1, 4 and 5, and, if applicable Parts 2 and 3.

Part 1 — Individual (including sole proprietor), partnership, and estate or trust

You must complete a separate line for each biofuel plant.

Column A — Biofuel plant's physical address

For each biofuel plant, enter the street number and name, and the city in New York State where the plant is physically located. Do not enter a PO box, or the mailing address of the company if it differs from the physical location of the plant.

Column B — Tax year credit is being claimed

The biofuel production credit can be claimed for four consecutive tax years per biofuel plant. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate the tax year for which the biofuel production credit is being claimed for each plant.

Column C — Gallons of biofuel produced for the year

Enter the total number of gallons of biofuel produced at a biofuel plant located in New York State for the tax year in which the biofuel was presented to the market.

Column D — Excess eligible gallons of biofuel produced

Subtract 40,000 from the amount in column C to compute the gallons of biofuel eligible for the biofuel production credit. The first 40,000 gallons of biofuel per year presented to market by each biofuel plant are not eligible for the credit.

Column E — Biofuel production credit before limitation

Multiply column D by .15. The credit amount is equal to fifteen cents per gallon of biofuel produced at a biofuel plant located in New York State after the production of the first 40,000 gallons per year presented to market.

If you are claiming a credit for more than three biofuel plants, complete as many Forms IT-243 as necessary. On the first Form IT-243, complete Parts 1-5 (as applicable). On all other Forms IT-243, complete only the name, identifying number, and Part 1, columns A through E. Include on line 1 of the first Form IT-243 the total of all column E amounts from all additional Forms IT-243. Attach any additional Forms IT-243 to the back of the first Form IT-243 that has the entry on line 1. Enter on line 2 the total credit computed.

Part 2 — Partnership, New York S corporation, estate, and trust information

Enter the appropriate information for each partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust from which you received a share of the credit. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet.

Part 3 — Partner's, shareholder's, or beneficiary's share of credit

Enter your share of the credit received from the partnership, New York S corporation, estate, or trust. This information should be provided to you by the partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust. If you belong to more than one partnership, New York S corporation, estate, or trust, enter the total of all your shares on the appropriate line.

Estates and trusts: Include on line 5 only your share of the credit from another estate or trust.

Part 4 — Beneficiary's and fiduciary's share of biofuel production credit

An estate or trust must complete Part 4. If an estate or trust allocates or assigns the credit to its beneficiaries, base the division on each beneficiary's proportionate share of the income of the estate or trust.

Part 5 — Computation of biofuel production credit

Line 12 — Enter the lesser of line 10 or line 11. The biofuel production credit is limited to \$2.5 million per taxpayer per year. Transfer the line 12 amount to the appropriate line of the form you are filing, as noted below line 12.