FORM **N-356** (Rev. 2019)



# STATE OF HAWAII — DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

2019

## ➤ See Instructions on back ➤ Attach to Form N-11 or Form N-15

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	te: If you are only claiming a carryover of unused earned income tax credit from a prior year, skip lines 1 through	7 and begin on line 8.
	Part I QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER	
1	In order to claim the tax credit, you must meet the definition of a qualifying individual taxpayer.	
	a Are you filing a 2019 federal income tax return and claiming the federal earned income credit?	🗌 Yes 🔲 No
	<b>b</b> Are you using the same filing status on your 2019 Form N-11 or Form N-15 as used on your	
	2019 federal income tax return?	🗌 Yes 🔲 No
	c Are you claiming the same dependents on your 2019 Form N-11 or Form N-15 as claimed on your	
	2019 federal income tax return? (Note: Also check "Yes" if you are not claiming any dependents	
	on your 2019 Hawaii and federal income tax returns.)	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
lf y	rou answered "No" to any of the 3 questions, you are not a qualifying individual taxpayer. You cannot claim this cre	
	art II ALLOWABLE TAX CREDIT FOR 2019 AND CARRYOVER COMPUTATION	·
2	Enter the amount of your federal earned income credit claimed on your 2019 federal income tax return	2
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3	Multiply line 2 by 20%	3
	Note: Residents, skip lines 4 and 5, enter "1.00" on line 6, and go to line 7.	
	Part-year residents and nonresidents, continue on to line 4.	
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4	Enter your Hawaii adjusted gross income from Form N-15, line 35, column B	
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5	Enter your federal adjusted gross income from Form N-15, line 36	
6	Divide line 4 by line 5. (Compute to 3 decimal places and round to 2 decimal places)	6
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7	Multiply line 3 by line 6.	7
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8	Carryover of unused earned income tax credit from prior year	8
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9	Tentative current year earned income tax credit — Add lines 7 and 8	9
Ac	justed Tax Liability	
10	Enter the amount from Form N-11, line 34; or Form N-15, line 51	10
11	If you are claiming other nonrefundable tax credits, complete the worksheet in the instructions and enter	
	the total here. If you are not claiming other nonrefundable credits, enter zero	11
12	Line 10 minus line 11. This represents your adjusted tax liability. If the result is zero or less,	
	enter zero	12
13	<b>Total credit allowed</b> — Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 12. This is your earned income tax credit allowable for	
	the year. Enter this amount, rounded to the nearest dollar, on the appropriate line for the credit on Schedule CR	13
14	<b>Total amount carryforward of unused credit.</b> — Line 9 minus line 13. This represents your unused credit	
	available to carryforward to be used against tax liability in subsequent tax years until exhausted	14
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#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

The earned income tax credit is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. The credit will not be available for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

The tax credit is 20% of the federal earned income credit claimed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. For part-year residents and nonresidents, the tax credit is multiplied by the ratio of Hawaii adjusted gross income to federal adjusted gross income.

The tax credit allowed shall be claimed against the net income tax liability for the taxable year. A tax credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may be used as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted.

#### **Purpose of Form**

Use Form N-356 to figure and claim the earned income tax credit under section 235-55.75, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

#### **Who May Claim This Credit**

Each qualifying individual taxpayer may claim this credit. A qualifying individual taxpayer means a taxpayer that: (1) files a federal income tax return for the taxable year and claims the earned income credit under Internal Revenue Code section 32, and (2) files a Hawaii income tax return for the taxable year using the same filing status used on the federal income tax return, and claiming the same dependents claimed on the federal income tax return.

#### When the Credit May Not Be Claimed

This credit may not be claimed if any of the following apply:

- (1) There was a final administrative or judicial decision within the prior ten taxable years that your claim for the tax credit was due to fraud.
- (2) There was a final administrative or judicial decision within the prior two taxable years disallowing your claim for the tax credit.

#### **Credit Requirements**

To claim this credit, you must complete and attach to your Hawaii income tax return:

- (1) Form N-356
- (2) Schedule CR

#### **Deadline for Claiming the Credit**

If you are a calendar year taxpayer, the deadline to claim the credit, including amended claims, is December 31, 2020. If you are a fiscal year taxpayer, the deadline to claim the credit, including amended claims, is 12 months after the close of your taxable year. You cannot claim or amend the credit after the deadline.

**Note:** If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) makes an adjustment to the federal earned income credit (due to an adjustment to federal taxable income) after the 12-month deadline, you must amend the Hawaii earned income tax credit even if the 12-month deadline has passed. The

amended Hawaii income tax return must be filed within 90 days after the adjustment by the IRS is finally determined.

#### **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

**Note:** If you are only claiming a carryover of unused earned income tax credit from a prior year, skip lines 1 through 7 and begin on line 8.

#### Part I, Qualifying Individual Taxpayer

**Line 1** — Answer the questions to determine whether you meet the definition of a qualifying individual taxpayer. If you are not a qualifying individual taxpayer, you **cannot** claim this credit.

### Part II, Allowable Tax Credit For 2019 and Carryover Computation

**Line 2** — Enter the amount of your federal earned income credit from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 18a.

**Note:** If you choose to have the IRS compute your federal earned income credit and do not receive the credit amount from the IRS before the deadline to file your Hawaii tax return, you should complete Form N-11 or Form N-15 without claiming the tax credit. Once the IRS sends you the federal earned income credit amount, you may file an amended tax return to claim the tax credit.

**Line 6** — Divide line 4 by line 5. Compute the ratio to 3 decimal places and round it to 2 decimal places. For example, line 4 is \$60,000; and line 5 is \$90,000. The ratio of Hawaii AGI to federal AGI is 0.67 (60,000/90,000 = 0.666 rounded to 0.67).

**Note:** If line 5 is zero or a negative number (loss) and line 4 is a positive number, enter 1.00 on line 6. If line 4 is zero or a negative number (loss), enter zero on line 6. If both lines 4 and 5 are negative numbers (losses), enter zero on line 6. If line 4 is greater than line 5, enter 1.00 on line 6.

Line 11 — Certain other tax credits must be used to offset a taxpayer's tax liability before the earned income tax credit may be used. If you are claiming other nonrefundable tax credits, complete the **Credit Worksheet** and enter the result on line 11. If you are not claiming any of the nonrefundable tax credits listed on the worksheet, enter zero on line 11.

**Line 13** — Compare the amounts on lines 9 and 12. Enter the smaller of line 9 or 12 here, rounded to the nearest dollar. This is your credit allowed for this taxable year.

Line 14 — This represents your carryover of unused earned income tax credit which exceeds your net income tax liability and may be used as a credit against your net income tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted.

#### **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT WORKSHEET** Tax Credit a. Income Taxes Paid to Another State or Foreign Country. b. Enterprise Zone Tax Credit. c. Carryover of the Energy Conservation Tax Credit... d. Credit for Employment of Vocational Rehabilitation Referrals ..... e. Carryover of the Individual **Development Account** Contribution Tax Credit .... f. Credit for School Repair and Maintenance ..... g. Carryover of the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit (For Systems Installed and Placed In Service Before July 1, 2009) ..... h. Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit (Nonrefundable) ..... i. Cesspool Upgrade, Conversion or Connection Income Tax Credit..... j. Add lines a through i. Enter the amount here and on Part II, line 11.....