

City of Philadelphia Department of Revenue

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Application No. _____

Date Received _____

Time Received _____

EMPLOYER APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PHILADELPHIA RE-ENTRY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Applicant's Name _____

Business Address _____

Philadelphia Address (If different from Business Address) _____

Contact Person (**PLEASE PRINT**) _____

Telephone Number _____

Federal EIN/SSN _____

Philadelphia Business Account Number _____

Date Business Began in Philadelphia _____

E-Mail Address _____

Type of Business

Retail

Wholesale

Manufacture

Service

Gross Receipts Subject to Philadelphia Business Privilege Tax for the four most recent years.

Net Income Subject to Philadelphia Business Privilege Tax for the four most recent years.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Type of Entity

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

S Corporation

C Corporation

Other (Specify) _____

Provide a brief description of the nature of the applicant's business activity.

Description of the project that will create the new jobs.

Certification: To be signed by an authorized company representative.

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Representing:** _____

Address: _____

Section I – General

A. Introduction

- (1) The Philadelphia Re-Entry Employment Program (PREP) was established for the purpose of securing job creating economic development opportunities for ex-offenders through the expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of economic development prospects for the City of Philadelphia.
- (2) Beginning in tax year 2008, an employer who hires an Ex-offender can elect to claim a PREP tax credit against their Business Privilege Tax. A business could receive up to \$10,000 tax credit each year for three years for each Qualifying Full-time Employee hired for at least six (6) months; up to \$5,000 for each Qualifying Part-time Employee. The maximum amount of tax credit a business may receive for any one Qualifying Full-time Employee over all tax years is \$30,000. The maximum amount of credit a business may receive for any one Qualifying Part-time Employee is \$15,000.
- (3) Beginning in tax year 2010, a business who makes a contribution of at least \$10,000 in a given tax year to a “Qualifying Exempt Organization” may claim a tax credit up to \$7,000 for each “Qualifying Full-Time Employee” or a tax credit up to \$3,500 for each “Qualifying Part-Time Employee” employed by the Qualifying Exempt Organization for at least six (6) months. A Qualifying Exempt Organization cannot receive a contribution from more than one business for each Qualifying Employee employed by the organization.
- (4) A “Qualifying Employee” is an Ex-offender who is employed full-time or part-time and certified as a Qualifying Employee by The Mayor’s Office of Re-Integration Services for Ex-Offenders (“R.I.S.E.”). (Refer to Section 19-2604(9)(a)(ii) of the Ordinance for the criteria)

B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive PREP Tax Credits, a business must have executed a PREP Tax Credit Agreement with the Revenue Department and be in full compliance with applicable Philadelphia tax laws, ordinances and regulations.

Section II – The Application Process

A. Application Submission and Approval Procedure

- (1) The completed application should be returned to the Department of Revenue at the address listed on the application. (*The “Qualifying Exempt Organization” **does not complete** or submit this application.*)
- (2) In addition to the application, the business must provide financial Statements (i.e. Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Cash Flow) for the last three years.
- (3) Upon approval of an application, the Department of Revenue will prepare a PREP Tax Credit Agreement which will be mailed to the applicant.
- (4) **Upon acceptance of the conditions listed in the PREP Tax Credit Agreement, the business must sign the agreement and return it to the Department of Revenue within thirty (30) days of the date of the cover letter.**
- (5) After a business has executed a PREP Tax Credit Agreement with the Department of Revenue, it shall make application to R.I.S.E. on a form required by R.I.S.E. for each employee it wishes to have certified as a Qualifying Employee.
- (6) **After** a business has a fully executed Agreement with the Department of Revenue **and** after the business has received certification from R.I.S.E. for the employment of each Qualifying Employee, the business may then make a request, in writing, to the Department of Revenue for determination of and for issuance of the PREP tax credit. (No business may claim or receive a tax credit unless the business is in full compliance with applicable Philadelphia tax laws, ordinances and regulations.)
- (7) ***An organization shall make an application to R.I.S.E. on a form required by R.I.S.E., stating that it wishes to be certified as a Qualifying Exempt Organization.***

Section III – Penalties

- A. **Failure to maintain operations.** A business which receives PREP Tax Credits related to employment of Qualifying Employees or to contributions made to a Qualifying Exempt Organization and either the business or the Qualifying Exempt Organization fails to substantially maintain existing operations, and the operations related to the tax credits, in the City of Philadelphia for a period of five (5) years from the date the business executes a PREP Tax Credit Agreement shall be required to refund to the City of Philadelphia the total amount of credit or credits granted.
- B. **Waiver.** The Department of Revenue may waive the penalties outlined in subsection (A) above if the Department determines that failure to substantially maintain operations was because of circumstances beyond the business' or Qualifying Exempt Organization's control, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, unforeseen industry trends, loss of a major supplier or market, or unforeseen social or economic trends.

Section IV – Contact

- A. Program inquiries should be directed to:

Department of Revenue
Technical Staff
Phone: (215) 686-6434
- B. Applications can be accessed on-line at www.phila.gov/Revenue. Select Tax Revenue Department then What's New.
- C. PREP Ordinance can be accessed on line at <http://legislation.phila.gov/attachments/10473.pdf>

Mail Completed Application To:

Revenue Commissioner
City of Philadelphia
Municipal Services Building
Room 630
1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19102