

The Employee Retention Credit

YOUR BUSINESS SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS VALUABLE STIMULUS PACKAGE BENEFIT

If your business has experienced disruptions in operations or declines in revenues created by the pandemic, much needed relief may be available to you through the CARES Act's Employee Retention Credit (ERC). This credit was enhanced and Aprio can help your business claim and maximize its benefits.

What is the ERC?

The ERC is a refundable federal payroll tax credit designed to encourage businesses to retain their full-time employees through the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Claimed on quarterly Form 941 of your Quarterly Federal Tax Return.
- Number of employees does not affect credit eligibility.
- PPP borrowers now eligible to obtain ERC.

For more information on how Aprio can help your company claim the Employee Retention Credit, Contact:



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- Eligible Employer
- Shutdown Orders
- Suspension of Business
- Qualified Wages
- Maximum Credit per Employee

The ERC applies to any private-sector business or tax-exempt organization that carries on a trade or business that was either:

- Fully or partially suspended** due to orders from the federal or state government limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings due to COVID-19 or,
- Experienced a significant decline in gross receipts** during any quarter compared to that same quarter in 2019. Defined as a 50% decline in any quarter during 2020 and a 20% decline in 2021.

Orders, proclamations, or decrees from the federal government or a state or local government limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings due to COVID-19.

A business is deemed to be fully or partially suspended if an appropriate governmental authority imposes restrictions on the business's operations causing the business to be:

- Fully suspended** - Must cease all operations
- Partially suspended** - Can still continue to operate with some, but not all normal operations

2020	2021
Compensation provided to an employee from March 13 to December 31, 2020	Compensation provided to an employee from January 1 to December 31, 2021
Businesses with 100+ full time employees in 2019 - The credit is only available to employees who are not providing services.	Businesses with 500+ full time employees in 2019 - The credit is only available to employees who are not providing services.
50% of qualified wages up to \$10,000 per year	70% of qualified wages up to \$10,000 per quarter
\$5,000 per employee	\$28,000 or \$7,000 per employee per quarter

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Potential Tax Credit Total **\$33,000 per employee**

