



Claim for Empire State Child Credit

Submit this form with Form IT-201 or IT-203.

Step 1 – Enter identifying information

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| Your name as shown on return | Your social security number |
| Spouse's name | Spouse's social security number |

Step 2 – Determine eligibility

- 1 Were you (and your spouse if filing a joint New York State return) New York State residents for **all** of 2015? 1 Yes No
If you marked an **X** in the **No** box, **stop**; you do not qualify for this credit.
- 2 Did you claim the federal child tax credit or additional child tax credit for 2015? 2 Yes No
- 3 Is your federal adjusted gross income (*see instructions*)
 - \$110,000 or less and your filing status is ② married filing joint return;
 - \$75,000 or less and your filing status is ① single, ④ head of household, or ⑤ qualifying widow(er); **or**
 - \$55,000 or less and your filing status is ③ married filing separate return? 3 Yes No
 If you marked an **X** in the **No** box at both lines 2 and 3, **stop**; you do not qualify for this credit.
- 4 Enter the number of children who qualify for the **federal** child tax credit or additional child tax credit (*see instructions*) 4
- 5 Enter the number of children from line 4 that were at least four but less than 17 years of age on December 31, 2015.. 5
If you entered **0** on line 5, **stop**; you do not qualify for this credit.

Step 3 – Enter child information

List below the name, social security number, and date of birth for each child included on line 4.

| First name | MI | Last name | Social security number | Date of birth (mmddyyyy) |
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Use Form IT-213-ATT if you have additional children to report (*see instructions*).



Step 4 – Compute credit

If you answered **No** to question 2, skip lines 6 through 12, and enter **0** on line 13; continue with line 14.

Whole dollars only

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| 6 | Enter your federal child tax credit from Form 1040A, line 35, or Form 1040, line 52 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 7 | Enter your federal additional child tax credit from Form 1040A, line 43, or Form 1040, line 67..... | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 8 | Add lines 6 and 7..... | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 9 | Enter the number of children from line 4 | <input type="text"/> | | |
| 10 | Divide line 8 by line 9 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 11 | Enter the number of children from line 5 | <input type="text"/> | | |
| 12 | Multiply line 10 by line 11..... | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 13 | Multiply line 12 by 33% (.33) | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |

If you marked the **No** box on line 3, skip lines 14 and 15, and enter the amount from line 13 on line 16.
All others continue with line 14.

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| 14 | Enter the number of children from line 5 | <input type="text"/> | | |
| 15 | Multiply line 14 by 100..... | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| 16 | Empire State child credit (<i>enter the amount from line 13 or line 15, whichever is greater</i>) | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |

If you filed a joint federal return but are required to file separate New York State returns, continue with lines 17 and 18. All others enter the line 16 amount on Form IT-201, line 63.

Step 5 – Spouses required to file separate New York State returns (*see instructions*)

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| 17 | Enter the full-year resident spouse's share of the line 16 amount; do not leave line 17 blank | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| | Enter here and on Form IT-201, line 63. | | | |
| 18 | Enter the part-year resident or nonresident spouse's share of the line 16 amount; do not leave line 18 blank | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 00 |
| | Enter the line 18 amount and code 213 on Form IT-203-ATT, line 12. | | | |





Instructions for Form IT-213

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General information

What is the Empire State child credit?

The Empire State child credit is available to full-year New York State residents (see *Spouses required to file separate New York State returns*) who have (1) a federal child tax credit or a federal additional child tax credit and a qualifying child **or** (2) a qualifying child and meet certain income limitations. For purposes of this credit, a *qualifying child* is a child who qualifies for the federal child tax credit and is at least four but less than 17 years of age. If the credit exceeds your tax for the tax year, the excess credit will be refunded without interest.

How do I claim the Empire State child credit?

You must file Form IT-213 with your New York State income tax return.

Specific instructions

See the instructions for your tax return for the *Privacy notification* or if you need help contacting the Tax Department.

Step 2 – Determine eligibility

Complete lines 1 through 5.

Line 3 – For purposes of this credit, *federal adjusted gross income* means the amount entered on Form 1040A, line 22, or on Form 1040, line 38, less any interest included on Form 1040A or Form 1040, line 8a, for *Build America Bonds* as defined in IRC section 54AA.

Line 4 – Enter the number of children who qualify for the federal child tax credit or additional child tax credit, whether or not you claimed the credit on your federal return (see the instructions for federal Form 1040A, line 35, or Form 1040, line 52).

Note: If for federal income tax purposes your child is claimed as a dependent by your child's noncustodial parent, you **cannot** claim that child as a qualifying child for purposes of the Empire State child credit. Do not include that child on line 4.

Step 3 – Enter child information

Enter the required information for each child included on line 4. If you have more than six children, complete the required information for the additional children on Form IT-213-ATT, *Child Information for Empire State Child Credit*. Enter your name and social security number on Form IT-213-ATT, and submit it with Form IT-213.



Caution: To be eligible to claim the Empire State child credit, you must provide a correct and valid social security number (SSN) for each child listed on your claim. If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued you an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) because your child listed on Form IT-213 or Form IT-213-ATT is a resident alien, enter this ITIN in place of the SSN.

If you have applied for an SSN by filing federal Form SS-5 with the Social Security Administration or you have applied for an ITIN by filing federal Form W-7 with the IRS, but you have not received the SSN or ITIN by the due date of your return, you can do one of the following:

1. File IT-370 requesting an automatic extension of time to file until October 17, 2016.
2. File your return on time without claiming the Empire State child credit, and **do not submit** Form IT-213 with your return. After receiving the SSN or ITIN, file an amended NYS return and claim the credit.

Step 5 – Spouses required to file separate New York State returns

If you filed a joint federal return but are required to file separate New York State returns because you were a full-year New York State resident for 2015 and your spouse was a part-year resident or nonresident for 2015, the credit may be claimed by either spouse or may be divided in any manner you wish. Form IT-213 must be completed by the spouse who is the New York State resident and must include both spouses' names and social security numbers. The resident spouse's name and social security number must be listed first on Form IT-213. You must enter **0** on line 17 if the part-year resident or nonresident spouse is claiming the entire line 16 amount. You must enter **0** on line 18 if the resident spouse is claiming the entire line 16 amount. Submit a copy of Form IT-213, and, if applicable, a copy of Form IT-213-ATT with each spouse's New York State income tax return. However, you do not need to submit a copy of Form IT-213 with the part-year resident or nonresident spouse's Form IT-203 if you entered **0** on line 18.