



IRS Federal Income Tax Form for Tax Year 2011 (Jan. 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011)

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Name(s) shown on return

Your social security number

You **cannot** take this credit if **either** of the following applies.



- The amount on Form 1040, line 38; Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 37 is more than \$28,250 (\$42,375 if head of household; \$56,500 if married filing jointly).
- The person(s) who made the qualified contribution or elective deferral **(a)** was born after January 1, 1994, **(b)** is claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2011 tax return, or **(c)** was a **student** (see instructions).

- Traditional and Roth IRA contributions for 2011. **Do not** include rollover contributions
- Elective deferrals to a 401(k) or other qualified employer plan, voluntary employee contributions, and 501(c)(18)(D) plan contributions for 2011 (see instructions)
- Add lines 1 and 2
- Certain distributions received **after** 2008 and **before** the due date (including extensions) of your 2011 tax return (see instructions). If married filing jointly, include **both** spouses' amounts in **both** columns. See instructions for an exception
- Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-
- In each column, enter the **smaller** of line 5 or \$2,000
- Add the amounts on line 6. If zero, **stop**; you cannot take this credit
- Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 38*; Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 37
- Enter the applicable decimal amount shown below:

	(a) You	(b) Your spouse
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If line 8 is—		And your filing status is—		
Over—	But not over—	Married filing jointly	Head of household	Single, Married filing separately, or Qualifying widow(er)
Enter on line 9—				
---	\$17,000	.5	.5	.5
\$17,000	\$18,250	.5	.5	.2
\$18,250	\$25,500	.5	.5	.1
\$25,500	\$27,375	.5	.2	.1
\$27,375	\$28,250	.5	.1	.1
\$28,250	\$34,000	.5	.1	.0
\$34,000	\$36,500	.2	.1	.0
\$36,500	\$42,375	.1	.1	.0
\$42,375	\$56,500	.1	.0	.0
\$56,500	---	.0	.0	.0

Note: If line 9 is zero, **stop**; you cannot take this credit.

- Multiply line 7 by line 9
- Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 46; Form 1040A, line 28; or Form 1040NR, line 44
- 1040 filers:** Enter the total of your credits from lines 47 through 49, and Schedule R, line 22. }
1040A filers: Enter the total of your credits from lines 29 through 31. }
1040NR filers: Enter the total of your credits from lines 45 and 46. }
- Subtract line 12 from line 11. If zero, **stop**; you cannot take this credit
- Credit for qualified retirement savings contributions.** Enter the **smaller** of line 10 or line 13 here and on Form 1040, line 50; Form 1040A, line 32; or Form 1040NR, line 47

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*See Pub. 590 for the amount to enter if you are filing Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563 or you are excluding income from Puerto Rico.

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

What's New

The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form 8880 and its instructions, at www.irs.gov/form8880. Information about any future developments affecting Form 8880 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8880 to figure the amount, if any, of your retirement savings contributions credit (also known as the saver's credit).



This credit can be claimed in addition to any IRA deduction claimed on Form 1040, line 32; Form 1040A, line 17; or Form 1040NR, line 32.

Who Can Take This Credit

You may be able to take this credit if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, made (a) contributions (other than rollover contributions) to a traditional or Roth IRA, (b) elective deferrals to a 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457, SEP, or SIMPLE plan, (c) voluntary employee contributions to a qualified retirement plan as defined in section 4974(c) (including the federal Thrift Savings Plan), or (d) contributions to a 501(c)(18)(D) plan.

However, you cannot take the credit if either of the following applies:

- The amount on Form 1040, line 38; Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 37, is more than \$28,250 (\$42,375 if head of household; \$56,500 if married filing jointly).
- The person(s) who made the qualified contribution or elective deferral (a) was born after January 1, 1994, (b) is claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2011 tax return, or (c) was a student.



You will need to refigure the amount on Form 1040, line 38, if you are filing Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563 or you are excluding income from Puerto Rico. See Pub. 590 for details.

You were a student if during any part of 5 calendar months of 2011 you:

- Were enrolled as a full-time student at a school, or
- Took a full-time, on-farm training course given by a school or a state, county, or local government agency.

A school includes technical, trade, and mechanical schools. It does not include on-the-job training courses, correspondence schools, or schools offering courses only through the Internet.

Specific Instructions

Column (b)

Complete column (b) only if you are filing a joint return.

Line 2

Include on line 2 any of the following amounts.

- Elective deferrals to a 401(k) or 403(b) plan (including designated Roth contributions under section 402A), or to a governmental 457, SEP, or SIMPLE plan.
- Voluntary employee contributions to a qualified retirement plan as defined in section 4974(c) (including the federal Thrift Savings Plan).
- Contributions to a 501(c)(18)(D) plan.

These amounts may be shown in box 12 of your Form(s) W-2 for 2011.

Note. Contributions designated under section 414(h)(2) are treated as employer contributions and as such they are not voluntary contributions made by the employee. They do not qualify for the credit and should not be included on line 2.

Line 4

Enter the total amount of distributions you, and your spouse if filing jointly, received after 2008 and before the due date of your 2011 return (including extensions) from any of the following types of plans.

- Traditional or Roth IRAs.
- 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457, 501(c)(18)(D), SEP, or SIMPLE plans.
- Qualified retirement plans as defined in section 4974(c) (including the federal Thrift Savings Plan).

Do not include any:

- Distributions not taxable as the result of a rollover or a trustee-to-trustee transfer.
- Distributions that are taxable as the result of an in-plan rollover to your designated Roth account.
- Distributions from your eligible retirement plan (other than a Roth IRA) rolled over or converted to your Roth IRA.
- Loans from a qualified employer plan treated as a distribution.
- Distributions of excess contributions or deferrals (and income allocable to such contributions or deferrals).
- Distributions of contributions made to an IRA during a tax year and returned (with any income allocable to such contributions) on or before the due date (including extensions) for that tax year.
- Distributions of dividends paid on stock held by an employee stock ownership plan under section 404(k).
- Distributions from a military retirement plan.

If you are filing a joint return, include both spouses' amounts in both columns.

Exception. Do not include your spouse's distributions with yours when entering an amount on line 4 if you and your spouse did not file a joint return for the year the distribution was received.

Example. You received a distribution of \$5,000 from a qualified retirement plan in 2011. Your spouse received a distribution of \$2,000 from a Roth IRA in 2009. You and your spouse file a joint return in 2011, but did not file a joint return in 2009. You would include \$5,000 in column (a) and \$7,000 in column (b).

Line 7

Add the amounts from line 6 columns (a) and (b), and enter the total.

Line 12

Before you complete line 12, figure the amount of any credit for the elderly or the disabled you are claiming on Form 1040, line 53. See Schedule R (Form 1040A or 1040) to figure the credit.