Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax—Corporations

► Attach to the corporation's tax return.

OMB No. 1545-1257

Employer identification number Alternative minimum tax (AMT) for 2000. Enter the amount from line 15 of the 2000 Form 4626 2 Minimum tax credit carryforward from 2000. Enter the amount from line 9 of the 2000 Form 8827 Enter the total of any 2000 unallowed nonconventional source fuel credit and 2000 unallowed 3 4 Enter the corporation's 2001 regular income tax liability minus allowable tax credits (see 5 If the corporation is: A "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2001 and line 5 is \$25,000 or less, enter -0-(see instructions). • A "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2001 and line 5 is more than \$25,000, enter 25% (.25) of the excess. • Not a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2001, complete Form 4626 for 2001 and 6 7 Minimum tax credit. Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 7. Also enter this amount on the appropriate line of the corporation's income tax return (e.g., Form 1120, Schedule J, line 6e). If the corporation had a post-1986 ownership change or has pre-acquisition excess credits, see 8 Minimum tax credit carryforward to 2002. Subtract line 8 from line 4 (see instructions).

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

Corporations use Form 8827 to figure the minimum tax credit, if any, for AMT incurred in prior tax years and to figure any minimum tax credit carryforward.

Who Should File

Form 8827 should be filed by corporations that had:

- An AMT liability in 2000,
- A minimum tax credit carryforward from 2000 to 2001, or
- A nonconventional source fuel credit or qualified electric vehicle credit not allowed for 2000 (see the instructions for

Specific Instructions Line 3

Enter the total of any nonconventional source fuel credit and qualified electric vehicle credit not allowed for 2000 solely because of the limitations under sections 29(b)(6)(B) and 30(b)(3)(B).

Line 5

Enter the corporation's 2001 regular income tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) minus any credits allowed under Subchapter A, Part IV, subparts B, D, E, and F of the Internal Revenue Code (e.g., if you are filing Form 1120, subtract any credits on Schedule J. lines 6a through 6d, from the amount on Schedule J. line 3).

Caution: If the corporation is filing Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities, reduce the amount that would otherwise be entered on line 5 by the amount, if any, on line 56 of Form 6765 or line 18c of Form 3800 (the suspended credit allowed for the current year).

Line 6

See the 2001 Instructions for Form 4626 to find out if the corporation is treated as a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2001. If the corporation is a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT, see section 38(c)(3) before completing line 6 for special rules that apply to controlled corporate groups, regulated investment companies, and real estate investment trusts.

Line 8

If the corporation had a post-1986 ownership change (as defined in section 382(g)), the amount of pre-change minimum tax credits that can be applied against the corporation's tax for any tax year ending after the ownership change may be limited. See section 383 and the related regulations. To figure the amount of the pre-change credit, the corporation must allocate the credit for the change year between the pre-change period and the post-change period. The corporation must use the same method of allocation (ratable allocation or closing-of-the books) for purposes of sections 382 and 383. See Regulations section 1.382-6 for

Also, pre-acquisition excess credits of one corporation generally cannot be used to offset the tax attributable to recognized built-in gains of another corporation. See section 384 for details.

If either limit applies, attach a computation of the minimum tax credit allowed. Enter that amount on line 8. Write "Sec. 383" or "Sec. 384" on the dotted line to the left of the line 8 entry space.

Line 9

Keep a record of this amount to carry forward and use in future years.

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