

## **Research and Development Skills Tax Credit**

Research and Development Skills Tax Credits are credits equal to \$1,000 per employee per year for a five year period and can be used to reduce an eligible entity's income tax liability. These credits are available for any position requiring research or development skills. There is no minimum number of positions that must be created to qualify for this credit.

### **Program Facts**

To qualify for the Research and Development Skills Tax Credit, the position must be engaged in research and development activities. Qualification of jobs for this credit must require, at a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in a scientific or technical field of study from an accredited four year college or university, employment in the employee's area of expertise, and compensation at a professional level.

The credit is awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per full-time employee per year for a five year period.

These credits can be in addition to Jobs Tax Credits and the combination can be used to offset up to fifty percent of the entity's state income tax liability. Any unused credits can be carried forward up to five years.

Research and Development Skills Tax Credits are awarded and administered by the Mississippi State Tax Commission.

For further details, see the Mississippi Tax Incentives, Exemptions, and Credits on the State Tax Commission's website <http://www.dor.ms.gov/revenue/incentive/2008IncentiveBook.pdf>, or Section 57-73-21, Ms Code 1972, Annotated. To request these documents or for assistance, contact the State Tax Commission at 601.923.7044 or the Financial Resources Division at [financial@mississippi.org](mailto:financial@mississippi.org) or 601.359.3552.