

# Instructions for 2015 Schedule CF

## Purpose of Schedule CF

If certain nonrefundable credits are not entirely applied against tax for the year in which they are computed, the unused credit may be carried forward up to 15 years (5 years for the super research and development credit). Use Schedule CF to record the amount of credit used in a year and the amount that may be carried forward and offset against tax in a future year.

Use Schedule CF to report credits computed for any taxable year from 2000-2015 if you have an amount of unused credit to be carried forward to 2015 and future years.

**Note** If a credit is still available, the carryforward of the credit is claimed on the same schedule used to compute the credit. For example, the carryforward of the manufacturing credit is claimed on Schedule MA-M.

If a credit is no longer available (only a carryforward is allowed), the carryforward of the credit is claimed on the appropriate line of Schedule CR, *Other Credits*. However, if a combined return is filed, the credit is claimed on Part V of Form 6.

## General Instructions

**Who must file Schedule CF** You must file Schedule CF if you had any of the following credits and the entire amount of the credit was not used to offset tax for the year for which the credit was computed or as of the first day of your taxable year beginning in 2015 (January 1, 2015, for calendar-year filers).

## Code

No.	Name of Credit
01	Community development finance
02	Community rehabilitation program
03	Dairy and livestock farm investment
04	Development zones
11	Early stage seed investment
12	Economic development
13	Ethanol and biodiesel fuel pump
14	Film production company investment
15	Film production services
16	Health insurance risk-sharing assessments
17	Internet equipment
18	Biodiesel fuel production
20	Manufacturing investment
21	Postsecondary education
22	Research expense
23	Research expense-energy efficient products
24	Research expense-internal combustion engines
25	Research facilities
26	Research facilities-energy efficient products
27	Research facilities-internal combustion engines
28	Super research and development

29	Supplement to federal historic rehabilitation
30	Technology zone
31	Water consumption
32	Electronic medical records
33	Veteran employment
34	Manufacturing
35	Development opportunity zone investment
36	Agriculture
37	Capital investment
40	State historic rehabilitation
41	Angel investment

**(Note:** The list of credits does not include the manufacturer's sales tax credit as the carryforward amount is determined on Schedule MS.)

File a separate Schedule CF for each credit for which you have a carryforward. If you computed the same credit for more than one taxable year, complete a separate row of Schedule CF for each year for which the same credit was computed.

*Example:* You computed a dairy and livestock farm investment credit of \$20,000 for 2012. You used \$10,000 of the credit and have a carryforward of the remaining \$10,000. You claimed an additional dairy and livestock farm investment credit of \$30,000 for 2013. The entire \$30,000 of the 2013 credit will be carried forward. You must complete two rows of the worksheet, one for the 2012 credit and one for the 2013 credit. If you also have a carryforward of another credit (for example, the angel investment credit), a separate Schedule CF must be completed for that credit.

**How do I determine how much credit has been used each year?** Wisconsin law provides that the listed credits "may" be claimed for a taxable year. Because the statutes use the word "may" instead of "shall" or "must," you have the option of claiming all, a portion, or none of the credit available for a particular year. Any amount not used in the year for which a credit is computed may be carried forward and offset against tax until entirely used or the 15-year carryforward period expires, whichever is earlier.

*Example:* An individual computed a dairy and livestock farm investment credit of \$20,000 for 2013. The individual reported the following on the 2013 Wisconsin income tax return (Form 1).

Tax (line 27) .....	\$ 2,000
Dairy and livestock farm investment credit (line 31) .....	20,000
Net income tax paid to other states (line 32) ..	<u>1,000</u>
Net tax (line 34) .....	0

In this example, the individual is using \$1,000 of the dairy and livestock farm investment credit to offset tax. This is the amount that is needed to reduce the tax to zero. No

carryforward of the credit was claimed for 2014. The individual must file 2015 Schedule CF to show the amount of credit used to offset tax through 2014 (\$1,000) and the amount available for 2015 (\$19,000). The individual must continue to file Schedule CF for each year until the credit has been used or the 15-year carryforward period expires, whichever is earlier.

### **Must I complete a new Schedule CF each year?**

You must submit a new Schedule CF each year until the carryforward is eliminated or until the 15-year carryforward period expires, whichever is earlier.

**Note:** The carryforward period is limited to five years for the super research and development credit.

### **Specific Instructions**

Fill in the name and identification number of the individual or entity that has a carryforward of an unused credit.

**Note** Fill in the code number and name of the credit. The code number for each credit is listed on the first page of these instructions. Enter the code number in the bracketed space. For example, if you are filing Schedule CF for the carryforward of the agriculture credit, fill in 36 in the space for the code number.

**Column (b)** For each year listed in column (a) for which you computed a credit and have an unused amount of credit to carry forward, fill in the amount of computed credit.

*Example:* You computed dairy and livestock farm investment credits of \$10,000 for 2001, \$15,000 for 2008, and \$8,000 for 2012. You would fill in \$10,000 in column (b) for 2001, \$15,000 in column (b) for 2008, and \$8,000 in column (b) for 2012.

Include both the credit computed for yourself or the business entity and any credit passed through from a tax-option (S) corporation, partnership, LLC treated as a partnership, estate, or trust.

**CAUTION** Special instructions apply to recipients of a transferred credit. If you are the recipient of a transferred supplement to federal historic rehabilitation tax credit or early stage seed investment credit, fill in the amount of credit transferred to you in column (b) for the year in which the credit was originally computed by the person or entity that transferred the credit to you. If you are the recipient of a transferred economic development tax credit, fill in the amount of credit transferred to you in column (b) for the year of the transfer.

**Column (c)** For each computed credit in column (b), fill in the amount of credit used for the year in which the credit was computed (or transferred to you) plus the amount used in all subsequent years. If you transferred any portion of a credit to another person or entity during a year, include the amount transferred in column (c) as credit used.

*Example:* You computed an angel investment credit of \$25,000 for 2009. You used \$10,000 for 2009, \$2,000 for 2010, and \$5,000 for 2014. Fill in \$17,000 in column (c) as credit used through 2014.

**Column (d)** For each year that has a computed credit, subtract the amount in column (c) from the amount in column (b). This is the amount of credit available for 2015.

**Column (e)** For each year that has a credit available for 2015, fill in the amount of credit used on your 2015 return. Include as credit used in 2015 any amount of credit transferred to another person or entity during 2015.

**Column (f)** For each year that has a credit available for 2015, subtract the amount in column (e) from the amount in column (d). This is the amount of credit that is available for 2016.

**Note:** For the 2000 year, column (f) is shaded. Do not enter any amount in this space. The 15-year carryforward period for a credit computed in 2000 has expired and any credit computed in 2000 cannot be carried forward to 2016.

### **Where to Claim a Carryforward of a Credit**

If a credit is still available, the carryforward of the credit is claimed on the same schedule used to compute the credit. For example, the carryforward of the manufacturing credit is claimed on Schedule MA-M.

If a credit is no longer available (only a carryforward is allowed), the carryforward of the credit is claimed on the appropriate line of Schedule CR, *Other Credits*. However, if a combined return is filed, the credit is claimed on Part V of Form 6.

### **Attachments to the Return**

A copy of Schedule CF must be enclosed with your Wisconsin income or franchise tax return each year for which a carryforward of a credit is available.

### **Additional Information**

For more information, you may:

**Email your questions to:** [corp@revenue.wi.gov](mailto:corp@revenue.wi.gov)

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