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## Instructions for Early Childhood Educator Income Tax Credit Affidavit

You must complete this form and file it with your income tax return to claim the early childhood educator tax credit. Please carefully read all of the instructions, fully fill out the form, and submit it with your income tax return.

In order to qualify for this credit, you must have:

- A federal adjusted gross income (AGI) less than or equal to \$75,000 if filing a single return or less than or equal to \$150,000 if filing jointly
- Held an early childhood professional credential issued by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood for at least part of the income tax year, and
- Been either the licensee of an eligible program or employed by an eligible program for at least six months of the income tax year. "Eligible program" means either an early childhood education program as defined in section 26-6.5-101.5(6.5), C.R.S. or a licensed family child care home. "Family child care home" has the same meaning as set forth in

section 26-6-102(13), C.R.S. An eligible program must have held at least a level one quality rating pursuant to the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System (section 26-6.5-106) during the income tax year.

The amount of credit is based on your credentialing level in the income tax year. If you earn a higher level early childhood professional credential in the same income tax year, the amount of credit is based on the highest early childhood professional credential attained during that income tax year. Please see the below chart for credit amounts:

Early Childhood Professional I	\$850
Early Childhood Professional II	\$1,080
Early Childhood Professional III, IV, V, or VI	\$1,620



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If claiming this credit and filing by paper, you must submit this schedule with your return.

I/We attest to the following:

- I/We held an early childhood professional credential issued by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood for at least part of the income tax year; and
For at least six months of the income tax year, I/we was either the licensee of an eligible program or employed by an eligible program (see instructions).

By claiming this credit, I/we declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, this affidavit is true, correct, and complete.

Taxpayer Information

Form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, SSN or ITIN, Street Address, City, State, ZIP

1. Early childhood professional credential that you held during the income tax year (check one)
If you earned a higher level early childhood professional credential in the same year, check the highest early childhood professional credential that you attained during the income tax year:

- Early Childhood Professional I (Credit amount: \$850)
Early Childhood Professional II (Credit amount: \$1,080)
Early Childhood Professional III (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional IV (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional V (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional VI (Credit amount: \$1,620)

2. Enter the amount of credit from the checkbox selected on line 1. 2 00

If filing jointly and both taxpayers are eligible early childhood educators, complete the following lines for the second taxpayer:

Form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, SSN or ITIN for the second taxpayer

3. Early childhood professional credential that you held during the income tax year (check one)
If you earned a higher level early childhood professional credential in the same year, check the highest early childhood professional credential that you attained during the income tax year:

- Early Childhood Professional I (Credit amount: \$850)
Early Childhood Professional II (Credit amount: \$1,080)
Early Childhood Professional III (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional IV (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional V (Credit amount: \$1,620)
Early Childhood Professional VI (Credit amount: \$1,620)

4. If applicable, enter the amount of credit from the checkbox selected on line 3. 4 00

5. Allowable credit, enter the sum of lines 2 and 4. Enter this amount on line 10 of DR 0104CR. 5 00

