



Instructions for Form IT-239

Claim for Handicapped-Accessible Taxicabs and Livery Service Vehicles Credit



For 2006, this form is not eligible for e-file. If you are attaching this form to your return, you must file on paper.

General information

What is the handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit?

The handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit is available to companies that provide a taxicab or livery service for the incremental cost associated with the purchase of a handicapped-accessible vehicle or the conversion of a motor vehicle to a handicapped-accessible vehicle that is used in providing the taxicab or livery service. The credit applies to incremental costs incurred on or after January 1, 2006, and before January 1, 2009, and may be claimed for the tax year in which the incremental costs are incurred. The credit may only be claimed once per vehicle and may not exceed \$10,000 per vehicle.

If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax for the year, the excess is not refundable; however, any unused credit may be carried forward indefinitely.

Who is eligible to claim this credit?

- individuals (including sole proprietors)
- estates or trusts
- partners in a partnership (including members of a limited liability company (LLC) that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes)
- beneficiaries of estates or trusts
- shareholders of New York S corporations

How is the credit claimed?

File Form IT-239 with your personal income tax return, Form IT-201, *Resident Income Tax Return*, or Form IT-203, *Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return*, if you are an individual (including a sole proprietor), a beneficiary of an estate or trust, a partner in a partnership, or a shareholder in a New York S corporation.

An estate or trust that divides the credit among itself and its beneficiaries must attach Form IT-239 to Form IT-205, *Fiduciary Income Tax Return*, showing each beneficiary's share of the credit.

A partnership must file Form IT-239 with Form IT-204, *Partnership Return*, showing the total amount of the credit.

An S corporation **cannot** file Form IT-239. It must file Form CT-239, *Claim for Handicapped-Accessible Taxicabs and Livery Service Vehicles Credit*. If you are a shareholder of an S corporation, obtain your share of the S corporation's credit from the corporation.

Definitions

Handicapped-accessible vehicle means a motor vehicle, less than 22 feet in length, that complies with

- federal regulations promulgated pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act applicable to vans under 22 feet in length by

- the federal Department of Transportation, in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), title 49, parts 37 and 38, and
- the federal Architecture and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, in CFR title 36, section 1192.23; and
- Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, CFR, title 49, part 571.

Taxicab means every motor vehicle, other than a bus, used in the business of transporting passengers for compensation and operated in that business under a license or permit issued by a local authority. However, it does not mean vehicles that are rented or leased without a driver.

Livery means every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or a bus, used in the business of transporting passengers for compensation. However, it does not mean vehicles that are rented or leased without a driver.

Motor vehicle means every vehicle that is operated or driven on a public highway and is propelled by any power other than muscular power, **except** for an electrically driven mobility assistance device operated or driven by a person with a disability, a vehicle that runs only on rails or tracks, a snowmobile, and an all-terrain vehicle.

Bus means every motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 15 or more passengers in addition to the driver and used for the transportation of persons.

Local authority means every county, municipal or other local board, body or officer, county park commission, parkway authority, bridge authority, bridge and tunnel authority, the Office of Parks and Recreation, the New York State Thruway Authority, or similar body or person having authority to enact laws or regulations relating to traffic under the constitution and laws of this state.

Providing a taxicab or livery service means the operation of a taxicab or livery in New York State in accordance with required licenses, permits, or registrations issued by a local authority and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Incremental cost means the expenses specifically associated with

1. the excess purchase price of a handicapped-accessible vehicle over the purchase price of a motor vehicle that is the same make and model except for the equipment necessary to convert it to a handicapped-accessible vehicle; or,
2. in the case of a conversion of an existing motor vehicle, it includes the equipment and installation costs necessary to convert it to a handicapped-accessible vehicle.

Important reminder to file a complete return

You must complete all required schedules and forms that make up your return, and include all pages of those forms and schedules when you file. Attach **only** those forms and schedules that apply to your return, and be sure that you have made all required entries. Returns that are missing required pages or that have pages with missing entries are considered incomplete and cannot be processed and may subject taxpayers to penalty and interest.

Filling in your tax forms

For complete information on how to fill in New York State scannable income tax forms, see the instructions for:

- resident return (Form IT-201),
- nonresident and part-year resident return (Form IT-203),
- partnership return (Form IT-204), or
- fiduciary return (Form IT-205).

Also see the instructions for the above returns for the *Privacy notification* or if you need help contacting the Tax Department.

Specific instructions

Sole proprietor (individual) — Complete Parts 1, 5, and 6.

Partnership — Complete Parts 1 and 5.

Fiduciary — Complete Parts 1, 4, 5, and 6.

Partner in a partnership, New York S corporation shareholder, and beneficiary of an estate or trust — Complete Parts 2, 3, 5, and, if applicable, Part 6.

Part 1 — Individual (including sole proprietor), partnership, and estate or trust

Enter the information relating to the incremental costs incurred on or after January 1, 2006, associated with upgrading a vehicle to be handicapped accessible. If you incurred costs to purchase a handicapped-accessible vehicle, use Schedule A. If you incurred costs to convert an existing motor vehicle to be handicapped accessible, use Schedule B. If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet of paper to Form IT-239 listing this information in the same format as requested in Schedule A, columns A through F, or Schedule B, columns A through D. Write your name and social security number (SSN) or employer identification number (EIN) on the attachment.

Schedule A — Purchase of handicapped-accessible vehicle

Column D — Enter in column D the total purchase price of a motor vehicle that is the same make and model except for the equipment necessary to convert it to a handicapped-accessible vehicle.

Schedule B — Conversion of existing motor vehicle

Column C — Enter in column C the cost, including equipment and installation, to convert an existing motor vehicle to be handicapped accessible.

Part 2 — Partnership, New York S corporation, estate, and trust information

Enter the appropriate information for each partnership, New York S corporation, or estate or trust from which you received a share of the handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit. If you need more space, attach a separate schedule (include your name and identification number).

Part 3 — Partner's, shareholder's, or beneficiary's share of the credit

Enter your share of the total credit received from a partnership, a New York S corporation, an estate, or a trust. If you belong to more than one partnership, New York S corporation, estate, or trust, enter the total of all your shares on the appropriate line.

Part 4 — Beneficiary's and fiduciary's share of credit

An estate or trust must complete Part 4. If an estate or trust allocates or assigns the credit to its beneficiaries, base the division of the credit on each beneficiary's proportionate share of the income of the estate or trust. If you need more space, attach a separate schedule (include your name and identification number).

Part 5 — Computation of handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit

Complete line(s) 10, 11, 12, or 13, whichever apply.

Line 13 — If you are a fiscal-year taxpayer and you claimed the handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit by filing the appropriate income tax return for incremental costs incurred to upgrade a vehicle to be handicapped accessible on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to the end of your 2005 fiscal year, enter on line 13 the amount of credit available for carryover to 2006. The credit available for carryover is that portion of your prior handicapped-accessible taxicabs and livery service vehicles credit that was not applied to your fiscal-year 2005 tax.

Part 6 — Application of credit and computation of carryover

Individuals: You must first complete Form IT-201-ATT, *Other Tax Credits and Taxes*, or Form IT-203-ATT, *Other Tax Credits and Taxes*, before you can complete this part. Follow the instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, Section B, or Form IT-203-ATT, Section B to determine the amount of credit to enter on line 16.

Fiduciaries: You must first complete Form IT-205, line 10, before you complete this part. Follow the instructions for Form IT-205, line 10 to determine the amount of credit to enter on line 16.