

tion [amending this section and sections 148 and 149 of this title] shall apply to bonds issued after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 17, 2006].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by section 101(b)(1) of Pub. L. 109–135 applicable to taxable years ending on or after Aug. 28, 2005, see section 101(c)(1) of Pub. L. 109–135, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1400N of this title.

Amendment by section 402(c) of Pub. L. 109–135 effective as if included in the provision of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109–58, to which such amendment relates, see section 402(m)(1) of Pub. L. 109–135, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2005 Amendments note under section 23 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 109–58, title XIII, §1303(e), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 997, as amended by Pub. L. 109–135, title IV, §402(c)(2), Dec. 21, 2005, 119 Stat. 2610, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 1397E, 6049, and 6401 of this title] shall apply to bonds issued after December 31, 2005.

“(2) SUBSECTION (C).—The amendments made by subsection (c) [amending sections 1397E and 6401 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005.”

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 109–58, title XIII, §1303(d), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 997, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall issue regulations required under section 54 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 8, 2005].”

SUBPART I—QUALIFIED TAX CREDIT BONDS

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AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111–5, div. B, title I, §1521(b)(3), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 357, added item 54F.

2008—Pub. L. 110–343, div. B, title I, §107(b)(3), title III, §301(b)(3), div. C, title III, §313(b)(4), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3819, 3844, 3872, added items 54C to 54E.

§ 54A. Credit to holders of qualified tax credit bonds

(a) Allowance of credit

If a taxpayer holds a qualified tax credit bond on one or more credit allowance dates of the bond during any taxable year, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of the credits determined under subsection (b) with respect to such dates.

(b) Amount of credit

(1) In general

The amount of the credit determined under this subsection with respect to any credit allowance date for a qualified tax credit bond is 25 percent of the annual credit determined with respect to such bond.

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(2) Annual credit

The annual credit determined with respect to any qualified tax credit bond is the product of—

- (A) the applicable credit rate, multiplied by
- (B) the outstanding face amount of the bond.

(3) Applicable credit rate

For purposes of paragraph (2), the applicable credit rate is the rate which the Secretary estimates will permit the issuance of qualified tax credit bonds with a specified maturity or redemption date without discount and without interest cost to the qualified issuer. The applicable credit rate with respect to any qualified tax credit bond shall be determined as of the first day on which there is a binding, written contract for the sale or exchange of the bond.

(4) Special rule for issuance and redemption

In the case of a bond which is issued during the 3-month period ending on a credit allowance date, the amount of the credit determined under this subsection with respect to such credit allowance date shall be a ratable portion of the credit otherwise determined based on the portion of the 3-month period during which the bond is outstanding. A similar rule shall apply when the bond is redeemed or matures.

(c) Limitation based on amount of tax

(1) In general

The credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed the excess of—

- (A) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over
- (B) the sum of the credits allowable under this part (other than subparts C and J and this subpart).

(2) Carryover of unused credit

If the credit allowable under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation imposed by paragraph (1) for such taxable year, such excess shall be carried to the succeeding taxable year and added to the credit allowable under subsection (a) for such taxable year (determined before the application of paragraph (1) for such succeeding taxable year).

(d) Qualified tax credit bond

For purposes of this section—

(1) Qualified tax credit bond

The term “qualified tax credit bond” means—

- (A) a qualified forestry conservation bond,
- (B) a new clean renewable energy bond,
- (C) a qualified energy conservation bond,
- (D) a qualified zone academy bond, or
- (E) a qualified school construction bond,

which is part of an issue that meets requirements of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

(2) Special rules relating to expenditures

(A) In general

An issue shall be treated as meeting the requirements of this paragraph if, as of the