

# Tax Credits and Incentives

**For comprehensive tax planning, the numbers are in our favor.**

## Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

### What is it?

The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) is a refund setup to reimburse small and medium-sized business owners who kept their employees on payroll during the pandemic.

### How Does it Work?

*Data Gathering:* You will meet with one of our experienced attorneys who will discuss the process with you and answer any questions you may have. After that, you will be given access to securely upload your businesses data to the firm's server.

*Credit Calculation:* Next, we go to work for you calculating the credit to obtain the largest refund you deserve.

*Filing Amended Returns:* We will file all your required amended returns on your behalf.

*Receive Your Refund:* Once you receive your refund, there are no strings attached, you can reinvest the money back into your business and return to doing what you do best.

### Why Howard & Howard?

Because we are a business law firm who specializes in servicing small and medium-sized businesses. Perhaps the strongest attribute of Howard & Howard's Tax Group attorneys is their experience and ability to apply insight and perspective across the full spectrum of business tax planning. Our depth and breadth of knowledge demonstrate that no one knows their way around tax codes and laws like we do.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## How do I qualify?

**Question 1: Did you carry on a small or medium-sized trade or business during calendar years 2020 and/or 2021?**

**If No:**

STOP, or perhaps contact us for your other legal needs

**If Yes:**

Go to Question 2

**Question 2: Were your operations impacted at any point by governmental orders limiting your business activities due to COVID-19?**

**If No:**

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**If Yes:**

Go to Question 4

**Question 3: Did you experience a decrease in revenue since 2019 at any point during 2020 or 2021?**

**If No:**

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**If Yes:**

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**Question 4: Did you pay wages to your employees at any point during 2020 or 2021?**

**If No:**

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**If Yes:**

CONGRATULATIONS!! You may qualify for the ERC

**Question 5: Did you start a new business after February 15, 2020?**

**If No:**

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**If Yes:**

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## **What if I took advantage of the Payment Protection Program?**

You still qualify, we will work to maximize your potential Employee Retention Credit claim and your Payment Protection Program loan forgiveness amounts.

## **What amount can I expect to be refunded by the IRS?**

Each business is unique, but our attorneys will be in regular contact with you to communicate the amount of the refund you can anticipate.

## **What are the next steps?**

You can contact us at BLANK and we will have someone reach out to schedule the initial consultation with you.