

the SSN requirement. If you filed a joint federal return but a separate Maryland return, you may claim a combined total of up to one-half the federal credit. For information on how to calculate the amount of the federal earned income credit, visit irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p596.pdf.

- If you are a married couple filing either a joint or separate Maryland return or have at least one qualifying child, complete the STATE EARNED INCOME CREDIT WORKSHEET (18A) to calculate the amount to enter on line 22 of Form 502.
- If you are filing as single, head of household, or qualifying surviving spouse and DO NOT have a qualifying child, complete the STATE EARNED INCOME CREDIT/ REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT WORKSHEET (18A.1) to calculate the amounts to enter on line 22 and line 42 of Form 502.

STATE EARNED INCOME CREDIT WORKSHEET (18A) – INDIVIDUAL WITH QUALIFYING CHILD OR MARRIED COUPLE FILING SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY WITH OR WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILD

(Part-year residents see Instruction 26(o).)

1. Maryland tax (the sum of lines 21 and 21a from Form 502) 1. _____
2. Federal earned income credit _____ x 50% (.50). Enter this amount here and on line 22 of Form 502 2. _____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. If less than zero (0), enter zero (0). 3. _____

If line 3 is greater than zero (0), you may qualify for the Poverty Level Credit. See Instructions below.

If line 3 is zero (0), you may qualify for the Refundable Earned Income Credit. See Instruction 21.

STATE EARNED INCOME CREDIT/ REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT WORKSHEET (18A.1) – INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILD

(Part-year residents see Instruction 26(o).)

1. Maryland tax the (sum of lines 21 and 21a of Form 502) 1. _____
2. Enter your federal earned income credit, here and on line 22 of Form 502 2. _____
3. If line 1 is greater than or equal to line 2, then subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter here. 3. _____
4. If line 2 is greater than line 1, then subtract line 1 from line 2 and enter the amount here and on line 42 of Form 502. 4. _____

If line 3 is greater than or equal to zero (0), you may qualify for the Poverty Level Credit. See Line 23 Instructions below.

Line 23. STATE POVERTY LEVEL CREDIT. If your earned income and federal adjusted gross income plus additions are below the poverty level income for the number of persons in family/household on your federal tax return, you may be eligible for the poverty level credit. You are not eligible for this credit if you checked filing status 6 (dependent taxpayer) on your Maryland income tax return.

Generally, if your Maryland state tax exceeds 50% of your federal earned income credit and your earned income and federal adjusted gross income are below the poverty income guidelines from the STATE POVERTY LEVEL CREDIT WORKSHEET (18B), you may claim a credit of 5% of your earned income.

Complete the STATE POVERTY LEVEL CREDIT WORKSHEET (18B) to calculate the amount to enter on line 23 of Form 502.

This is not a refundable credit.

STATE POVERTY LEVEL CREDIT WORKSHEET (18B)

If you checked filing status 6 on your Maryland return, you are not eligible for this credit.

1. Enter the amount from line 7 of Form 502. If you checked filing status 3 (married filing separately) and you filed a joint federal return, enter your joint federal adjusted gross income plus any Maryland additions 1. _____
2. Enter the total of your salary, wages, tips and other employee compensation and net profit from self-employment here, and on line 1b of Form 502, if line 1b is currently blank. (Do not include a farm or business loss.) 2. _____
3. Find the number of persons in your family/household from the chart that is the same as the number of persons entered on your federal tax return. Enter the income level that corresponds to the number of persons 3. _____
4. Enter the amount from line 1 or 2, whichever is larger. Compare lines 3 and 4. If line 4 is greater than or equal to line 3, STOP HERE. You do not qualify for this credit. If line 3 is greater than line 4, continue to line 5. 4. _____
5. Multiply line 2 by 5% (.05). This is your State Poverty Level Credit. Enter that amount here and on line 23 of Form 502. (Part-year residents or members of the military, see Instruction 26(o)) 5. _____

POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY/ HOUSEHOLD	INCOME LEVEL
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.

Line 24. OTHER INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR INDIVIDUALS. Enter the total of your income tax credits as listed below. Complete and attach Form 502CR with Form 502.

Note: In the event of legislative changes (for example, emergency legislation or a veto override of legislation from a prior legislative session) that retroactively affect tax year 2023, the Comptroller will provide additional instruction on the use of Form 502LU to claim nonrefundable credits and add that amount to Line 24.

- a. CREDITS FOR INCOME TAXES PAID TO OTHER STATES.** If you have income subject to tax in Maryland and subject to tax in another state and/or another state's locality, you may be eligible for a tax credit. **Note:** You must attach a copy of Form 502CR and required documentation. If this is not attached, no credit will be allowed. See Administrative Release 42 for required documentation.
- b. CREDIT FOR CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES. **This credit is available to residents only.** If you were eligible for a Child and Dependent Care Credit on your federal income tax return and your income is below certain thresholds, you are entitled to a tax credit equal to a percentage of the federal credit. **You may also be entitled to a refundable credit.** See Form 502CR Instructions.
- c. QUALITY TEACHER INCENTIVE CREDIT.** If you are a qualified teacher who paid tuition to take graduate level courses required to maintain certification, you may be eligible for a tax credit. See Form 502CR Instructions.