



Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credits for Businesses How to Claim and What to Expect

Businesses can support early childhood in their communities while benefiting from fully refundable tax credits by donating up to \$5,000 to their local Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. Agenda for Children is the state-authorized Child Care Resource & Referral agency for Southeast Louisiana.

What is the School Readiness Tax Credit for Businesses?

Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC) are a package of refundable state tax credits designed to support quality child care in local communities. Businesses with a Louisiana Tax ID can receive refundable tax credits for their donations to support early childhood.

A donation to a [child care resource and referral agency \(CCR&R\)](#) is matched annually by a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit up to a maximum of \$5,000 per business tax ID. For more general information about SRTC for businesses, please see the Louisiana Department of Education's [SRTC FAQ for Businesses](#), or contact your [local Child Care Resource & Referral agency](#).

How do I claim the School Readiness Tax Credit for Businesses?

1. Donate to your local Child Care Resource and Referral for up to \$5,000.
 - o Go to <https://agendaforchildren.org/donors/srtc/> to donate by check or online.
 - o You will receive a formal letter from the Child Care Resource and Referral agency
2. Complete your Louisiana tax returns using the appropriate [tax forms](#):
 - o Filing individually: complete tax form [IT-540](#) Schedule F
 - o Filing as a corporation, nonprofit, or franchise: complete tax form [CIFT-620](#) Schedule RC P2, Part 1
 - o Filing as partnership: complete tax form [IT-565](#), pass credit through to the partners on IT-565, Sch K-1

For all: Enter code 68F and choose "agency" for Child Care Resource & Referral tax credits.
3. Attach the following documents to your filing:
 - o A formal letter from the Child Care Resource & Referral showing proof of donation.
 - o A copy of the canceled check or online receipt to document your donation.
 - o If filing individually using form IT-540, federal return pages 1 and 2 and the schedule that shows your business: Schedule C, E, or F
 - o If filing as a partnership, [Schedule K-1](#), Partner's or Shareholder's Share of Income etc. which shows the percentage of donations that can be claimed for the named partner or shareholder.

What should I expect when I claim the School Readiness Tax Credit?

Once everything is submitted, you will receive a notice from the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) stating that your tax return has been selected for review. Please note that LDR is only reviewing your request for school readiness tax credits, not your full return.

You should expect to see a reduction in your tax liability or a refund equivalent to the amount donated up to \$5,000 within a few months of filing. Ensuring that all the required documentation is provided when you file your return will lead to a faster review time.

Helpful contacts for additional information

Agenda for Children: 504-586-8509 or email srtc@agendaforchildren.org

Louisiana Dept. of Revenue: <https://revenue.louisiana.gov/IndividualIncomeTax/SchoolReadinessTaxCredit>

Louisiana Department of Education: 1-877-453-2721 or email EarlyChildhood@LA.gov