

2020 Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Employer/Employee Affidavit
for line 5 of the 2020 Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule

For tax year 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 or _____, 2020 to _____

Name of Taxpayer (graduate/employee): _____ SSN: _____

Employer name: _____ EIN/SSN: _____

Name of Degree: _____

This Affidavit must be completed and signed by the taxpayer named above and signed by the taxpayer's employer when claiming the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit in the case where both the employee and employer of the taxpayer have made payments on eligible education loans, directly to the lender, during the tax year. **Enclose the completed and signed Affidavit and the applicable Worksheet with your Maine income tax return for which you are claiming the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit.**

Failure to attach a signed Affidavit to a tax return may result in denial of the EOTC. See page two for more information.

1. Eligible Education Loan Payments paid directly to the lender

a. Enter the total amount of the employee's eligible student loan payments **due** during 2020..... 1a _____
(from the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule, line 3B)

b. Amount of the employee's eligible student loan payment amounts **paid** by the employer during 2020. (Multiply the total amount paid by the employer by the ratio on the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule, line 2c) 1b _____

c. Enter the total amount of the employee's eligible student loan payment amounts **paid** by the employee during 2020 (from the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule, line 3C)..... 1c _____

d. Enter the total amount of the employee's benchmark loan payment amount during 2020 (from the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule, line 3A) 1d _____

2. Employer Eligible Education Loan Payments. Enter line 1a or line 1b, whichever is smallest. 2 _____
Also enter this amount on the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Worksheet for Employers, line 1

3. Enter the amount from line 1a, 1c, or 1d, whichever is smallest. 3 _____

4. Subtract line 1b from line 1a. If less than or equal to zero, enter \$0. 4 _____

5. Employee Eligible Education Loan Payments. Enter line 3 or line 4, whichever is smallest. Also enter this amount on the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit - Loan Payment Schedule, line 4. 5 _____

NOTE: To claim the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit, you must complete the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Worksheet for Individuals or the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Worksheet for Employers.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this Affidavit and accompanying worksheets and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete. Declaration of the employer (other than the employee) is based on all information of which the employer has any knowledge.

Employer signature: _____

Date: _____

Employee signature: _____

Date: _____

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This Affidavit must be completed and signed by the taxpayer (employee) and the taxpayer's employer when claiming the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit (EOTC) in the case where both the employee and employer have made payments on eligible education loans directly to the lender during the tax year. The Affidavit is used to calculate the eligible loan payment amounts that may be used to calculate the EOTC. The completed and signed Affidavit and the applicable Worksheet(s) must be included with your Maine income tax return for which you are claiming the EOTC. For more information, see the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Worksheet(s) available at www.maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms.

The Affidavit serves to certify the eligible monthly loan payment amounts paid by both employee and employer during the tax year. **Failure to attach a signed Affidavit to a tax return may result in denial of the EOTC.**

The sum of the EOTC claimed by you and your employer may not exceed the aggregate eligible education loan payment amount due during the tax year.

- Payments made by your employer directly to the lender reduce the EOTC the employee may claim.
- The employee credit is further limited by the benchmark loan payment.

For example, assume the required 2020 monthly loan payments were \$380 per month or \$4,560 for the entire year. The employer paid \$2,400 during the year and the employee also paid \$2,400 during the year. The employer may claim the entire amount paid (\$2,400) because the amount is less than the loan payment amount due (\$4,560). The employee would be eligible to claim \$2,160, the lesser of the remaining loan payment amount due ($\$4,560 - \$2,400 = \$2,160$), the amount paid (\$2,400), and the benchmark loan payment amount ($\$367 \times 12 = \$4,404$). For more information on the individual credit, see the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Worksheet for Maine Resident and Part-year Resident Individuals.