

# Illinois Angel Investment Tax Credit Program



The Illinois Angel Investment Credit Program offers tax credits for businesses and individuals who make an investment in one of Illinois' innovative, qualified new business ventures. Investments must encourage job growth and expand capital investment in the state. Tax credits to qualifying firms and individuals will be in the amount equal to 25% of their investment (up to \$2M) made directly into a qualified new business venture.

In order to be qualified as a new business venture, applicants must submit a form in each taxable year they wish to be registered. In addition, businesses or individuals requesting a tax credit must submit an application to DCEO indicating an investment was made and will remain in the qualified new business venture for no less than 3 years.

## Eligible Qualified New Business Ventures

- Principally engaged in innovation
- Fewer than 100 employees at the time of original program certification
- Not been in operation in Illinois for more than 10 consecutive years prior to original program certification
- Headquarters located in Illinois
- At least 51% of employees are employed in Illinois
- Has the potential for increasing jobs or capital investments in Illinois, or both
- Has not received more than \$10,000,000 in aggregate private equity investment in cash or \$4,000,000 in investments that qualified for tax credits under this section
- Must be in good standing with the Illinois Department of Revenue

## Eligible Angel Investor Tax Credit Applicants

- Business, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or individual who intends on making an investment in a program qualified new business venture
- Investment must be kept in a program qualified new business venture for no less than 3 years
- Their income taxes must go to the State of Illinois
- Must be able to describe the investment and provide supporting documentation (invoices, cancelled checks, appraisals, receipts, etc).
- Must be in good standing with the Illinois Department of Revenue



For more information, including a list of qualified new business ventures, simply go online to:  
[http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Business\\_Development/Tax+Assistance/AngelInvestment.htm](http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Business_Development/Tax+Assistance/AngelInvestment.htm)

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