

# South Denver Metro Enterprise Zone

A COLORADO STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT

Each income tax year, a business in an EZ must apply for pre-certification before starting any activity to qualify for business tax credits. At the end of the year, the business must certify the activities completed.

## PURPOSE

The Colorado Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program was created by the State Legislature in 1986 to support economic and community development in targeted geographies around the State. The program offers state income tax credits to businesses that are investing, growing, and relocating in these communities.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Business taxpayers investing in Enterprise Zones can earn Colorado income tax credits by completing specific economic development activities. Only those engaged in legal business activities, as defined by both state and federal law, are eligible to claim EZ tax credits.

## INCOME TAX CREDITS & ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES

### INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

3% equipment purchases

### COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

1.5% commercial vehicle purchases

### JOB TRAINING

12% qualified training expenses

### NEW EMPLOYEE

\$1,100 per net new employee

### EMPLOYER SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE

\$1,000 per covered employee

### R&D INCREASE

3% increased R&D expenditures

### VACANT BUILDING REHABILITATION

25% rehab hard cost expenditures

### MANUFACTURING & MINING

Sales & Use expanded tax exemption

### CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT

FOR NON-PROFITS ONLY  
25% monetary donations,  
12.5% in-kind



MORE INFO

[Denver-South.com/Enterprise-Zones](https://denver-south.com/enterprise-zones)

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# Enterprise Zone (EZ) Application Process:

## 1. Verify Eligibility

Make sure your business is located in an enterprise zone

## 2. Pre-Certify

Annual pre-certification is required for each business location **before making any eligible investments or activities**

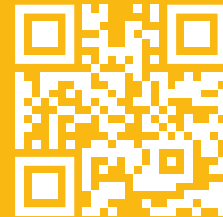
## 3. Certify

Certification is completed at the end of the tax year to earn tax credits for activities performed during the pre-certification period

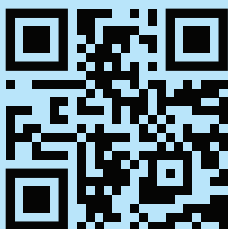
## 4. Submit

Tax credits are claimed by filing the approved EZ Certification with the business' state income tax return

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TO VERIFY



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