

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Biomass Producer or Collector Tax Credit

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1. Are Biomass Producer or Collector Tax Credits available in 2012?

Yes, Biomass Producer or Collector tax credits are available for activities occurring in 2012 and for activities that occur prior to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. This sunset date was provided in [2011 House Bill 3672](#).

2. Who is eligible to apply for a Biomass Producer or Collector Tax Credit?

Biomass Collectors or Agricultural Producers that produce or collect biomass from Oregon, which is used as biofuel or to produce biofuel in Oregon, can be eligible for this tax credit.

The biomass must meet the definition of biomass that is included in Oregon Revised Statutes 314.141 and have a tax credit rate as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes 469.790.

3. Is there a maximum amount of tax credits that are available from this program? Is there a maximum amount that an individual applicant can receive?

No, the Biomass Producer or Collector tax credit program does not have a cap on the amount of tax credits that are available during each tax year or for the life of the program.

There is not a limit on the amount of tax credits that any one applicant may apply for or receive.

4. When is the application period for these tax credits?

Applications for certification of these tax credits are accepted throughout the year. There is no set application period for this program; however, applications for tax year 2011 must be received within 45 days following the end of the applicant's tax year. Applications for 2012 must be received within 60 days following the end of the applicant's tax year.

5. What information must be submitted in an application?

Applications must include a completed application form, the appropriate fee payment, and all of the supplemental information required in the administrative rules for the program.

The supplemental information generally consists of information indicating the origin of the biomass, record of the weight or volume of the biomass, proof of ownership, and documentation that it was used as biofuel or to produce biofuel.

The specific requirements can be found in the administrative rules available from the program website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/RENEW/Biomass/TaxCdt.shtml>

6. What is the application fee?

The administrative costs for the Biomass Producer or Collector tax credit program are not paid for with Oregon tax dollars. The certification program is funded entirely by the application fees.

For 2011 the application fee is equal to \$0.007 multiplied by the total tax credit value applied for or \$50, whichever is greater.

For 2012 the application fee is equal to \$0.006 multiplied by the total tax credit value applied for or \$50, whichever is greater.

7. What is an acceptable method for determining the bone-dry-ton weight of biomass?

The Department has not specified a moisture measurement protocol in the administrative rules due to the differences between types of eligible biomass, industry practices and available technologies.

The Department will require accurate moisture measurement using standard industry practices or accurate moisture measurement equipment that has been calibrated according to the manufacturer's recommendation.

The Department will not accept assumed moisture content with an application.