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# Is It Too Late to File for an Employee Retention Tax Credit?



By MDA Staff with Eric Tye, DDS  
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**Question:** My friend told me his CPA firm filed for an Employee Retention Tax Credit on his behalf, and he got thousands of dollars back. Is it too

late for me to file, and what are the rules around who is eligible to file?

**Answer:** The Employee Retention Tax Credit is a federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's governed by several sets of rules that are too complex to explain here. In general, to qualify for the ERTC, your practice needs to have experienced a mandated full or partial shutdown, a decrease in revenues, a COVID-19 event, or a supply chain disruption. Businesses with forgiven PPP loans may still apply for the ERTC. The maximum tax credit available per employee is \$26,000 and the tax credit is available for 2020 and the first three quarters of 2021. The ERTC must be filed before Dec. 31, 2023, so you still have time to file if your business qualifies!

As is often the case with seeking tax credits, filing can be confusing. The MDA endorses Dental Business Specialists, part of the DBS Companies, to file the ERTC for you, regardless of whether you use their accounting/tax filing services. Contact DBS at 800-327-2377 for more information. Tell them the MDA referred you!

**Question:** I'm getting married soon and want to change my name to that of my soon-to-be husband. How will that affect my licensing and professional memberships?

**Answer:** Because you hold a professional license, there are a variety of different organizations you'll want to notify. The good news is that the MDA offers several different transition checklists to you as a membership benefit. Contact [membership@michigandental.org](mailto:membership@michigandental.org) for a name-change checklist. And congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

**Question:** Does the MDA have a source for those labor-employment posters that we are required by law to post? I get solicitations to purchase these, but they are expensive.

**Answer:** Most of these posters can be downloaded directly from federal and state websites at no cost, but there's an easier way — just order the MDA's free Labor Poster Packet from the MDA website. The website contains a listing of all the posters you are required to display, as well as a button to order the posters. Visit [michigandental.org/Employment-Posters](http://michigandental.org/Employment-Posters).

**Question:** Inflation is up and at the same time credit card processing fees are squeezing my bottom line. And more and more people are paying with credit cards. Can the MDA help with this problem?

**Answer:** The MDA through MDA Services endorses Best Card for credit card processing. According to MDA Services, the average dentist who switches from his or her credit card processing method to Best Card saves \$4,221 per year on processing fees — quite a savings. Best Card will do a cost comparison for you. Call 877-739-3952 and ask for a cost comparison. This is another way that taking advantage of MDA-endorsed programs through MDA Services and MDA Insurance can help you beat inflation — and actually help you recoup your yearly MDA-ADA-local society dues.

There are many more endorsed programs that can save you money besides Best Card. Take a few moments and visit [mdaprograms.com](http://mdaprograms.com) to learn more.

**Question:** Does the MDA still have the member directory online? I'm not talking about the Find-a-Dentist page for the public, but a directory of all members.

**Answer:** The Find-a-Dentist directory lists practicing members who have created their profiles, but currently there is no online directory of all members, such as retired members or those who have not created a Find-a-Dentist profile. The MDA formerly had such a directory online, but no longer does. ●

*Have a question? Need help? Think MDA first! Send your questions to [membership@michigandental.org](mailto:membership@michigandental.org). Questions and answers of general interest will appear in this column.*