For all laxable years beginning on or affer January 1, 2011 (if pass through entity, see special instructions on page 2), and ending on or before December 31, 2014, if a small business creates new jobs, it may qualify to claim a deduction in the taxable year each new employee completes at least 52 weeks of full-time employment. The deduction is equal to $\$ 10,000$ for each new job created or $\$ 20,000$ for each new job created by a small business that paid at least 50 percent of all employees health insurance premiums.

## The Small Business:

- Must employ fewer than 50 full-time or part-time employees at all times during the tax year for which the deduction is requested to qualify for the deduction. Any small business affiliated with another business must consider each employee of all affiliated businesses in deternining if it employs fewer than 50 fult-time or part-time employees. Two businesses are affiliated if either party has power to control the other, or a third party controls or has the power to contol both parties. For purposes of the deduction, a part-time employee is defined as one who works fewer than 30 hours per week.
- Must be subject to income taxes imposed in Chapter 143. RSMO.
- Must ensure all new employees have completed at least 52 weeks of fulltime employment prior to including them in the deduction calculation. Upon completion of at least 52 weeks, the employee becomes a qualifying full-time employee and the small business may choose a date to compare the number of qualifying full-time employees employed in the previous calendar year. See the example below for further instruction.
- Must pay wages of at least the country average wage or the state average wage if the county wage is in excess of the state wide average. The county average wage is calculated by the Department of Economic Development and can be found at:


## https://meric.mo.gov/data/county-average-wages.

Must pay at least 50 percent of the health insurance premium for all full-time employees, not just for new employees, to claim the $\$ 20,000$ deduction.

## The Employee:

- Must complete at least 52 consecutive weeks of employment and work an average of at least 35 hours per week before the small business may claim the deduction.
- May not have been previously employed in Missouri by the small business or any business affiliated with the small business for a period of 12 months prior to the creation of the new job.
Example: A small business chooses November 1 as its comparison date. On that date in 2011, the business had 25 fulltime employees who had been employed for at least 52 weeks and five employees who had been employed for 20 weeks. Also on that date, the business hires two new employees who had not been employed by the business. If all these employees remain employed through November 1, 2012, the small business is eligible to claim deductions for seven of its employees in determining its 2012 tax liability. Although five of these employees had been employed prior to November 1, 2011, they would not qualify as full-time employees on that date because they had not completed 52 weeks of employment. Atthough those five employees could have quatifiled for the deduction prior to November 1, 2012, the two employees hired on November 1, 2011 could not. Because a small business can select only one comparison date per year, the small business selected November 1, 2012 so it could claim the deduction for all seven employees. deduction year and the number employed in the inmediately y preceding vear. Enter your comparison date: (MMMDMYYY)..

2. Employees in Deactiocion Year: The number of fult-ime employees employed on your comparison date in the deduction year.
3. Employees in Previous Year: The number of full-lime employees employed on your comparison date in the inmediately preceding year.
4. Subtract Line 3 from Line 2 to determine the number of eligible employees... In the table below, enter the requested information for each new employee reflected on Line 4.
Note: If the employee worked in more than one county, enter the county in which he or she worked for the majority of his or her 52 weeks of employment.
Under penalties of perifyry, I declare that the above information and any attached supplement is true, complete., and correat. I am the owner of or an officer of the above business and am authorized to apply tor the small business deduction for new jobs on behalf of the small business identified above. I hereby certity to the Department of Revenue that the employees iisted on page 2 meet the requirements outifined in Section 143.173 , RSMMo. and the small business claming a deduction meets the requirements outined in this document and in Section 143.173, RSMO.

Signature
Printed Name

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