



# Certified Visual Media Production Credit Worksheet for Tax Year 2020 36 M.R.S. § 5219-Y

Taxpayer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN/SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date visual media production completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** In the case of pass-through entities (such as partnerships, LLCs, S corporations, and trusts) claiming the credit, the partners, members, shareholders, beneficiaries, or other owners are allowed a credit in proportion to their respective interests in these entities. Enter name and ID number of the pass-through entity on the lines below. Also enter your ownership percentage in the pass-through entity for the tax year.

Name of Pass-through Entity	EIN/SSN	Ownership Percentage
_____	_____	_____ %

**Important:** Businesses claiming the Pine Tree Development Zone income tax credit are not eligible for this credit.

To claim the credit, you must attach a copy of the visual media production certificate issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

1. Visual media production expenses (see instructions)..... 1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If less than \$75,000, STOP; you do not qualify for the credit.  
Owners of pass-through entities, see instructions for line 1.

2. Credit rate ..... 2. \_\_\_\_\_ .05

3. Certified visual media production credit (line 1 multiplied by line 2). Enter the result here and on Form 1120ME, Schedule C, line 1n or on Form 1040ME, Schedule A, line 20, or Form 1041ME, Schedule A, line 12..... 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Any unused Certified Visual Media Production Credit may not be carried over to other tax years.

# Certified Visual Media Production Credit Worksheet Instructions

## General Instructions

The certified visual media production credit is based on visual media production expenses, defined below. To claim the credit, a visual media production company must obtain a visual media production certificate from the Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”). For more information on how to apply for a visual media production certificate, go to [www.filminmaine.com/incentives](http://www.filminmaine.com/incentives). The credit is available to corporations through Form 1120ME, available to individuals who are owners/members of pass-through entities and sole proprietors through Form 1040ME, and available to trusts and estates through Form 1041ME. The credit is available only for the tax year during which the visual media production is completed.

**Visual media production expenses** are expenses incurred in Maine with respect to a certified visual media production for the following: expenses associated with preproduction, production, and postproduction; construction costs; operations; editing and related services; music, photography, and film processing, including transferring film to tape or digital format; sound recording, mixing, and synchronization; lighting, makeup, wardrobe, and accessories; transportation; food and lodging for cast and crew; insurance and bonding; rental of facilities and equipment, including location fees; and any other expenses incurred in Maine with respect to a certified visual media production not specifically excluded by law (5 M.R.S. § 13090-L).

Visual media production expenses do not include the following: marketing, advertising, printing, or disseminating a visual media production; wages, salaries, commissions, or any other form of compensation or remuneration paid to employees for personal services; payments made to temporary employee-leasing companies; payments made to performing artists; and contractual payments for the service of individuals working in Maine for which reimbursement was claimed under the certified visual media production reimbursement program (36 M.R.S., Chapter 919-A and Maine Form 841ME) or for which reimbursement could have been claimed but for the \$50,000 limitation.

In the case of pass-through entities (such as partnerships, LLCs, S corporations, and trusts), the partners, members, shareholders, beneficiaries, or other owners are allowed credits in proportion to their respective interests in these entities.

## Specific Instructions

**Line 1.** Enter the total visual media production expenses incurred, as described in the general instructions above. If you are an owner in a pass-through entity, enter on line 1 only that portion of the visual media production expenses that reflects your ownership percentage in the entity. Your portion may be less than \$75,000. This amount should be provided to you by the pass-through entity.