The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) offers private sector businesses the opportunity to earn federal tax credits for hiring job seekers that fall within one of the following target groups:

- Qualified Short-Term Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Recipients
- Qualified Veterans (SNAP Recipients, Disabled, Unemployed)
- Qualified Ex-felons
- Qualified Designated Community Residents (residing in an Empowerment Zone) – expired 1/1/18
- Qualified Vocational Rehabilitation Referred Individuals
- Qualified Summer Youth Employees (residing in an Empowerment Zone) – expired 1/1/17
- Qualified Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipients
- Qualified Supplemental Security Income Recipients
- Qualified Long-Term TANF Recipients
- Qualified Long-Term Unemployment Recipients

**Tax credit information for businesses:**

- The business can reduce their tax liability up to $9,600 over two years, depending on the qualified employee.

- The Work Opportunity Tax Credit Certification Request must be postmarked no later than 28 days following the employee’s start date.

- There is no limit to the number of qualified employees for which a business can take the credit.

- Forms and more specific program information can be accessed online at: [http://www.floridajobs.org/wotc](http://www.floridajobs.org/wotc).