

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REFUELING PROPERTY CREDIT

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 includes a tax credit for purchasers of propane and natural gas refueling stations, up to 30 percent or \$30,000 of the cost of the new station. It extends the credit to stations placed in service by December 31, 2013.

Definition.

Qualified alternative fuel vehicle property is any property (other than a building or its structural components) used to store or dispense a clean-burning fuel into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by the fuel, but only if the storage or dispensing is at the point where the fuel is delivered into the tank.

The credit may be claimed for each separate qualifying property.

Amount of the credit.

For personal use property, the credit is generally the smaller of 30% of the property's cost or \$1,000. For business use property, the credit is generally the smaller of 30% of the property's cost or \$30,000. Each property's cost must first be reduced by any section 179 deduction before figuring the credit.

Tax-exempt entities.

Sellers of new refueling property to a tax-exempt organization or governmental unit can claim the credit, as long as they clearly disclose in writing to the purchaser the amount of the tentative credit allowable.

More information. For more information on the credit, see the instructions for Form 8911 at www.irs.gov.

