

Computation of the Marriage Credit Tax Year 2020

Complete lines 1-6 of Schedule M1MA.

If line 6 is less than \$103,000, the credit must be determined from the look-up table.

If line 6 is \$103,000 or more, the credit is determined from lines 9-19 of the schedule.

Computation for Each Cell of the Look-up Table, Using an Example

Row: 37,000 - 39,000, Midpoint = 38,000

Column: 60,000 - 80,000, Midpoint = 70,000

	Earned income of the lesser-earning spouse from line 6 of Schedule M1MA, using midpoint of range	38,000
Minus:	½ of the married-joint standard deduction	<u>- 12,400</u>
Equals:	computed taxable income of spouse A	25,600
Calculate:	the tax for computed taxable income of spouse A using the rate schedule for <i>single persons</i> = Tax A	1,369.60
	Joint taxable income from line 8 of Form M1, using midpoint of range	70,000
Minus:	computed taxable income of spouse A	<u>-25,600</u>
Equals:	computed taxable income of spouse B (If zero or less, credit = 0)	44,400
Calculate:	the tax for computed taxable income of spouse B using the rate schedule for <i>single persons</i> = Tax B	2,628.28
Calculate:	the tax on the joint taxable income from line 8 of Form M1, using midpoint of range and the rate schedule for <i>married-joint returns</i> = Tax C	4,188.56
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Minus:	Sum of Tax A and Tax B	<u>- 3,997.88</u>
Equals:	Marriage credit	190.68
Round:	to whole dollars.	= 191

The maximum credit is \$1,533.