# Form **8801**

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)

# Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax— Individuals, Estates, and Trusts

► See instructions on pages 3 and 4.

► Attach to Form 1040, 1040NR, or 1041.

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Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

Pa	rt I Net Minimum Tax on Exclusion Items			
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1	Combine lines 1, 6, and 10 of your 2003 Form 6251. Estates and trusts, see instructions	1		
2	Enter adjustments and preferences treated as exclusion items (see instructions)	2		
3	Minimum tax credit net operating loss deduction (see instructions)	3	(	)
4	Combine lines 1, 2, and 3. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 15 and go to Part II. If more than \$191,000 and you were married filing separately for 2003, see instructions	4		
5	Enter: \$58,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) for 2003; \$40,250 if single or head of household for 2003; or \$29,000 if married filing separately for 2003. Estates and trusts, enter \$22,500	5		
6	Enter: \$150,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) for 2003; \$112,500 if single or head of household for 2003; or \$75,000 if married filing separately for 2003. Estates and trusts, enter \$75,000	6		
7	Subtract line 6 from line 4. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 8 and go to line 9	7		
8	Multiply line 7 by 25% (.25)	8		
9	Subtract line 8 from line 5. If zero or less, enter -0 If this form is for a child under age 14, see instructions	9		
10	Subtract line 9 from line 4. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 15 and go to Part II. Form 1040NR filers, see instructions	10		
11	• If <b>for 2003</b> you reported capital gain distributions directly on Form 1040, line 13a; you reported qualified dividends on Form 1040, line 9b (Form 1041, line 2b(2)); <b>or</b> you had a gain on both lines 16 and 17a of Schedule D (Form 1040) (lines 15a and 16a, column (2), of Schedule D (Form 1041)), complete Part III of Form 8801 and enter the amount from line 58 here.	11		
12	• All others: If line 10 is \$175,000 or less (\$87,500 or less if married filing separately for 2003), multiply line 10 by 26% (.26). Otherwise, multiply line 10 by 28% (.28) and subtract \$3,500 (\$1,750 if married filing separately for 2003) from the result.  Minimum tax foreign tax credit on exclusion items (see instructions)	12		
13	Tentative minimum tax on exclusion items. Subtract line 12 from line 11	13		
14	Enter the amount from your 2003 Form 6251, line 34, or 2003 Form 1041, Schedule I, line 55	14		
15	Net minimum tax on exclusion items. Subtract line 14 from line 13. If zero or less, enter -0-	15		
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16	Enter the amount from your 2003 Form 6251, line 35, or 2003 Form 1041, Schedule I, line 56	16		
17	Enter the amount from line 15 above	17		
18	Subtract line 17 from line 16. If less than zero, enter as a negative amount	18		
19	<b>2003 minimum tax credit carryforward.</b> Enter the amount from your 2003 Form 8801, line 26	19		
20	Enter the total of your 2003 unallowed nonconventional source fuel credit and 2003 unallowed qualified electric vehicle credit (see instructions)	20		
21	Combine lines 18, 19, and 20. If zero or less, <b>stop here</b> and see instructions	21		
22	Enter your 2004 regular income tax liability minus allowable credits (see instructions)	22		
23	Enter the amount from your 2004 Form 6251, line 33, or 2004 Form 1041, Schedule I, line 54.	23		
24	Subtract line 23 from line 22. If zero or less, enter -0-	24		
25	<b>Minimum tax credit.</b> Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 21 or line 24. Also enter this amount on your 2004 Form 1040, line 54; Form 1040NR, line 49; or Form 1041, Schedule G, line 2d	25		
26	<b>Minimum tax credit carryforward to 2005.</b> Subtract line 25 from line 21. Keep a record of this amount because you may use it in future years	26		

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	<b>Caution:</b> If you did not complete Part IV of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040) (or Part V of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)) or the 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet, see the instructions before completing this part.	
27	Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 10	27
28	Enter the amount from line 26 of your 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040) (line 23 of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)) or line 13 of your 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet*	
29	Enter the amount from line 19 of your 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040), or line 15d, column (2), of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)	
30	If you did not complete the 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet, enter the amount from line 28. Otherwise, add lines 28 and 29, and enter the <b>smaller</b> of that result or the amount from line 10 of your 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet	
31 32	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 27 or line 30	31 32
33	If line 32 is \$175,000 or less (\$87,500 or less if married filing separately for 2003), multiply line 32 by 26% (.26).	
55	Otherwise, multiply line 32 by 28% (.28) and subtract \$3,500 (\$1,750 if married filling separately for 2003) from the result	33
34	Enter:  • \$56,800 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) for 2003,  • \$28,400 if single or married filing separately for 2003,	
	<ul> <li>\$38,050 if head of household for 2003, or</li> <li>\$1,900 for an estate or trust</li></ul>	
35	Enter the amount from line 27 of your 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040) (line 24 of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)) or line 14 of the 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet*,	
	whichever applies. If you did not complete either Part IV of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040) (or Part V of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)) or the 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet, enter -0	
26	Subtract line 35 from line 34. If zero or less, enter -0	
36 37	Enter the smaller of line 27 or line 28	
38 39	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 36 or line 37	
	worksheet)	-
40	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 38 or line 39. If line 38 is zero, go to line 48	144
41	Multiply line 40 by 5% (.05)	41
42	Subtract line 40 from line 38. If zero or less, enter -0- and go to line 48	-
43	Enter your qualified 5-year gain, if any, from your 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040), line 35 (2003 Schedule D (Form 1041), line 32) . 43	
44	Little the <b>smaller</b> of line 42 of line 40	45
45 46	Multiply line 44 by 8% (.08)	-10
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4 <i>1</i> 48	Multiply line 46 by 10% (.10)	**
<del>4</del> 0	Subtract line 38 from line 37	
50	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 48 or line 49	
51	Multiply line 50 by 15% (.15)	51
52	Subtract line 50 from line 49	
53	Multiply line 52 by 20% (.20)	53
54	Subtract line 37 from line 31	
55	Multiply line 54 by 25% (.25)	55
56	Add lines 33, 41, 45, 47, 51, 53, and 55	56
57	If line 27 is \$175,000 or less (\$87,500 or less if married filing separately), multiply line 27 by 26% (.26). Otherwise, multiply line 27 by 28% (.28) and subtract \$3,500 (\$1,750 if married filing	
	separately) from the result	57
58	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 56 or line 57 here and on line 11	58

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# **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Purpose of Form**

Use Form 8801 if you are an individual, estate, or trust to figure the minimum tax credit, if any, for alternative minimum tax (AMT) you incurred in prior tax years and to figure any minimum tax credit carryforward.

#### Who Should File

Complete Form 8801 if you are an individual, estate, or trust that for 2003 had:

- An AMT liability and adjustments or preferences other than exclusion items,
- A minimum tax credit carryforward to 2004, or
- An unallowed nonconventional source fuel credit or qualified electric vehicle credit (see the instructions for line 20).

File Form 8801 only if line 21 is more than zero.

# Specific Instructions

The AMT is attributable to two types of adjustments and preferences—deferral items and exclusion items. Deferral items (for example, depreciation) generally do not cause a permanent difference in taxable income over time. Exclusion items (for example, the standard deduction), on the other hand, do cause a permanent difference. The minimum tax credit is allowed only for the AMT attributable to deferral items.

#### Line 1—Estates and Trusts

Skip lines 1 through 3 of Form 8801. Complete Parts I and II of another 2003 Form 1041, Schedule I. For Part I of Schedule I, take into account only exclusion items (the amounts included on lines 2 through 6, 8, and 9, and any other adjustments related to exclusion items included on line 23 of Schedule I). On line 24 of Schedule I, use the minimum tax credit net operating loss deduction (MTCNOLD). However, do not limit the MTCNOLD to 90% of the total of lines 1 through 23 of Schedule I. (See the instructions for line 3 on this page for how to figure the MTCNOLD.) In Part II of Schedule I, complete lines 35 and 36 without taking into account any basis adjustments arising from deferral items. If the amount on Schedule I, line 29, is zero or less, enter -0- on Form 8801, line 4. Otherwise, enter on Form 8801, line 4, the amount from Schedule I, line 29. adjusted for exclusion items that were allocated to the beneficiary.

#### Line 2

Enter on this line the adjustments and preferences treated as exclusion items (except the standard deduction). Exclusion items are only the following AMT adjustments and preferences: itemized deductions (including any investment interest expense reported on Schedule E), certain tax-exempt interest, depletion, the section 1202 exclusion, and any other adjustments related to exclusion items. Do not include the standard deduction. It has already been included on line 1. Combine lines 2 through 5, 7 through 9, 11, and 12 of vour 2003 Form 6251. Do not include any amount from line 14 of the 2003 Form 6251. Instead, include the exclusion item amount from line 12d of the Schedule(s) K-1 (Form 1041) vou received for 2003. If you included on line 26 of the 2003 Form 6251 any adjustments related to exclusion items, also include those adjustments in the amount you enter on line 2. Enter the total on line 2.

Exclusion items on other lines. If you included any exclusion item on a line not listed above, include that item in the amount you enter on line 2. For example, if depletion was included on Form 6251 as an adjustment on line 18 (passive activities) instead of on line 9 (depletion), include it as an exclusion item in the amount you enter on line 2.

#### Line 3

Your minimum tax credit net operating loss deduction (MTCNOLD) is the aggregate of the minimum tax credit net operating loss (MTCNOL) carryovers and carrybacks to 2003. Your MTCNOL is figured as follows.

Your MTCNOL is the excess of the deductions (excluding the MTCNOLD) over the income used to figure alternative minimum taxable income (AMTI) taking into account only exclusion items. Figure this excess with the modifications in section 172(d) taking into account only exclusion items (that is, the section 172(d) modifications must be figured separately for the MTCNOL).

For example, the limitation of nonbusiness deductions to the amount of nonbusiness income must be figured separately for the MTCNOL using only nonbusiness income and deductions but taking into account only exclusion items. However, ignore the disallowance of the deduction for personal exemptions under section 172(d)(3) because it has already been taken into account to figure AMTI attributable only to exclusion items.

To determine the amount of MTCNOL that may be carried to tax years other than 2003, apply sections 172(b)(2) and 172(d) with appropriate modifications to take into account only exclusion items.

#### Line 4

If your filing status was married filing separately for 2003 and line 4 is more than \$191,000, you must include an additional amount on line 4. If line 4 is \$307,000 or more, include an additional \$29,000 on line 4. Otherwise, include 25% of the excess of the amount on line 4 over \$191,000. For example, if the amount on line 4 is \$211,000, enter \$216,000 instead—the additional \$5,000 is 25% of \$20,000 (\$211,000 minus \$191,000).

#### Line 9

If this form is for a child who was under age 14 at the end of 2003 and at least one of the child's parents was alive at the end of 2003, do not enter more than the sum of the child's 2003 earned income plus \$5,600.

A child born on January 1, 1990, is considered to be age 14 at the end of 2003 and is therefore not subject to this limitation.

#### Line 10

If you filed Form 1040NR for 2003 and had a net gain on the disposition of U.S. real property interests, line 10 cannot be less than the smaller of that net gain or line 4.

#### Line 12

The minimum tax foreign tax credit on exclusion items (MTFTCE) is your 2003 AMT foreign tax credit (AMTFTC) refigured using only exclusion items. Follow these steps to figure your MTFTCE.

1. Use a separate 2003 Form 1116 for the MTFTCE for each separate limitation category specified at the top of Form 1116.

When applying the separate limitation categories, use the applicable AMT rate instead of the regular tax rate to determine if any income is "high-taxed."

2. If you figured your 2003 AMTFTC using the simplified limitation election, skip Part I and enter on the MTFTCE Form 1116, line 16, the same amount you entered on that line for the 2003 AMT Form 1116. Otherwise, complete Part I using only taxable income and exclusion items that are attributable to sources outside the United States. If required by the Instructions for Form 1116 (based on your MTFTCE

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Schedule D), complete Worksheet A or Worksheet B for the MTFTCE. (But, if required, make adjustments to your foreign source capital gains and losses using the instructions in Pub. 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals, instead of completing Worksheet A or Worksheet B.) If you are required to complete an MTFTCE Worksheet for Line 17, follow the instructions under item 5 below.

- 3. Complete lines 9 through 13 of the MTFTCE Form 1116. For line 9, use the same amount you entered on that line for 2003 for the regular tax. Use your MTFTCE carryover, if any, on line 10.
- 4. If you did not figure your 2003 AMTFTC using the simplified limitation election, complete lines 14 through 16 of the MTFTCE Form 1116.
- 5. If you did not complete Part III of Form 8801, enter the amount from Form 8801, line 4, on line 17 of the MTFTCE Form 1116 and go to item 6 below. Otherwise, follow these steps to complete, for the MTFTCE, the Worksheet for Line 17 on page 15 of the 2003 Form 1116 instructions.
- a. Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 4, on line 1 of the MTFTCE Worksheet for Line 17.
- b. Complete the Schedule D Tax Worksheet (in the 2003 Instructions for Schedule D (Form 1040) or the 2003 instructions for Form 1041) for the MTFTCE as follows. Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 10, on line 1 of the worksheet and skip lines 22, 26, 28, 36, 38, 44, and 47 through 51. Use the amounts from Parts I, II, and III of your 2003 regular tax Schedule D (Form 1040) (Parts I through IV of Schedule D (Form 1041)) to complete the rest of the MTFTCE Schedule D Tax Worksheet. If you figured your 2003 tax using the Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet in the 2003 instructions for line 41 of Form 1040, complete an MTFTCE Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet as follows. Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 10, on line 1 of the MTFTCE worksheet: enter the amounts from lines 6, 11, and 19 of the 2003 regular tax worksheet on the same lines of the MTFTCE worksheet; and complete the rest of the MTFTCE worksheet, skipping lines 2 through 5. 13, 15, 23, and 25 through 29. If you figured your 2003 tax using the Qualified Dividends Tax Worksheet in the 2003 instructions for Form 1041, complete an MTFTCE Qualified Dividends Tax Worksheet as follows. Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 10, on line 1 of the MTFTCE worksheet; enter the amount from line 4 of the 2003 regular tax worksheet on the same line of the MTFTCE worksheet; and complete the rest of the MTFTCE worksheet, skipping lines 2, 3, 9, and 13 through 17.

- c. Complete the rest of the MTFTCE Worksheet for Line 17 using the amounts from the MTFTCE Schedule D Tax Worksheet, MTFTCE Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet, or MTFTCE Qualified Dividends Tax Worksheet, whichever applies, and the instructions for Form 1116. line 17.
- 6. Enter the amount from Form 8801, line 11, on the MTFTCE Form 1116, line 19. Complete lines 18, 20, and 21 of the MTFTCE Form 1116.
- 7. Complete Part IV of the first MTFTCE Form 1116 only. Enter the amount from the MTFTCE Form 1116, line 33, on Form 8801, line 12.
- 8. Keep all Forms 1116 you used to figure your MTFTCE, but do not attach them to your tax return.

If line 13 of the MTFTCE Form 1116 is greater than line 20 of the MTFTCE Form 1116, keep a record of the difference. This amount is carried forward and used to figure your MTFTCE next year.

#### Line 20

Enter the total of any nonconventional source fuel credit and qualified electric vehicle credit not allowed for 2003 solely because of the limitations under sections 29(b)(6)(B) and 30(b)(3)(B).

#### Line 21

If line 21 is zero or less, you do not have a minimum tax credit or a minimum tax credit carryforward. Do not complete the rest of this form and do not file it.

#### Line 22

Follow the instructions below and refer to your 2004 income tax return to figure the amount to enter on line 22.

Form 1040. Subtract from the amount on line 43 the total of any credits on lines 46 through 54 (not including any credit for prior year minimum tax). If the result is zero or less, enter -0-.

Form 1040NR. Subtract from the amount on line 40 the total of any credits on lines 43 through 49 (not including any credit for prior year minimum tax). If the result is zero or less, enter -0-.

Form 1041, Schedule G. Subtract the total of any credits on lines 2a through 2c from the sum of lines 1a and 1b. If the result is zero or less, enter -0-.

## Part III—Tax Computation Using Maximum Capital Gains Rates

If you did not complete Schedule D (Form 1040) for 2003 because you

figured your tax using the Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet in the instructions for line 41 of Form 1040, then:

- Enter the amount from line 6 of that worksheet on Form 8801, lines 28 and 30:
- Skip Form 8801, line 29;
- Enter on Form 8801, line 35, the amount, if any, from line 7 of that worksheet; and
- Enter on Form 8801, line 39, the amount from line 11 of that worksheet (or if that line is blank, the amount from line 19 of that worksheet).

If your 2003 taxable income was zero or less, complete lines 13, 15 through 17b, 19, 22 through 26, 35, and 43 of your 2003 Schedule D (Form 1040) (lines 19 through 23, 32, and 40 of the 2003 Schedule D (Form 1041)), or lines 2 through 13, 24, and 32 of the 2003 Schedule D Tax Worksheet, if applicable, before completing Part III.

Estates and trusts. If you figured your 2003 tax using the Qualified Dividends Tax Worksheet in the Form 1041 instructions, enter the amount from line 4 of that worksheet on Form 8801, lines 28, 30, and 39; skip Form 8801, line 29; and enter on Form 8801, line 35, the amount from line 5 of that worksheet.

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If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.