



## What's the Deal with WOTC?

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, or WOTC, is not a new program. It's a federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from specific target groups. The program is intended to increase opportunities for people who have certain barriers to employment.

If you are in one of the “target groups” listed below, an employer who hires you could receive a federal tax credit of up to \$9,600. Let the employer know that you are a member of a qualifying WOTC target group; this tax credit may give the employer the incentive to hire you for the job.

Target groups of job seekers who can qualify an employer for the WOTC program:

- Unemployed Veterans (including disabled veterans)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Recipients
- Food Stamp (SNAP) Recipients
- Designated Community Residents  
(living in Empowerment Zones or Rural Renewal Counties)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Referred Individuals
- Ex-Felons
- Supplemental Security Income Recipients
- Summer Youth Employees (living in Empowerment Zones)
- Qualified Long-Term Unemployment Recipient

You and the employer must complete the necessary forms on or before the day you are offered work, so you should let the employer know when you first apply or when you are being interviewed.

Click [here](#) for more information on WOTC.



For additional information about Missouri Division of Workforce Development services, contact a Missouri Job Center near you. Locations and additional information are available at [jobs.mo.gov](http://jobs.mo.gov) or 1-888-728-JOBS (5627).



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