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Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles No. 94 - Revised

~~Transferable and Non-Transferable~~ State and Federal Tax Credits

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SCOPE OF STATEMENT

1. This statement establishes statutory accounting principles for ~~transferable and non-transferable~~ state ~~and federal~~ tax credits ~~that are purchased¹ by the reporting entity without being an investor in the entity from which the tax credit were earned/purchased.~~ Tax credits allocated from investments NOT within the scope of *SSAP 93R—Investments in Tax Credit Structures* should refer to this statement for tax credit accounting guidance. ~~Additionally, Tax credits that are consistent with the Statutory Accounting Principles Statement of Concepts and Statutory Hierarchy (Statement of Concepts).~~ Tax credits which have been awarded² to the reporting entity are not within the scope of this statement and should refer to *SSAP No. 101—Income Taxes*.
2. Tax credits allocated from, and investments in, ~~Low Income Housing Tax Credits credit structures,~~ as discussed in *SSAP No. 93R SSAP No. 93R—Low Income Housing Tax Credit Property Investments* ~~Investments in Tax Credit Structures,~~ which involve investments in projects or programs that generate general business federal tax credits or state tax credits, are not within the scope of this statement. ~~However, the tax credits received from tax credit investments are within the scope of this statement.~~
3. Investments in a CAPCO (Certified Capital Company), organized as a partnership or an LLC, which is a company, authorized by state statute that borrows from investors ~~(insurance companies),~~ in order to make venture capital investments in “qualified” businesses, are not within the scope of this statement. Although associated with tax credits, the insurance company is paid principal and interest on its investment with the CAPCO. Depending upon the terms of the CAPCO offering, principal and interest payments to the ~~insurance company~~ investors will come from the CAPCO and/or the state. The CAPCO will make cash payments directly to the ~~insurance company~~ investors while the state will make payments in the form of premium or income tax credits. Investments in a CAPCO shall be accounted for in accordance with Interpretation (INT) 06-02: Accounting and Reporting for Investments in a Certified Capital Company (CAPCO) and specific statutory accounting guidance addressing CAPCOs.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

4. Both state and federal governments have enacted laws that create programs by which tax credits are granted to entities under certain specified conditions. The terms of these tax credits vary based on the issuing jurisdiction and from program to program. ~~The criteria in paragraphs 5 and 6 are for transferable state tax credits (i.e., credits which may be sold or assigned). The criteria in paragraphs 7 and 8 are for non-transferable state tax credits (i.e., those which cannot be sold or assigned to other parties).~~
5. ~~Some states have enacted laws that create programs by which transferable state tax credits are granted to entities under certain specified conditions (e.g., an entity makes an investment in a particular industry). The terms of these state tax credits vary from state to state and, within a state, from program to program. However, many of these transferable state tax credit programs share the following four characteristics:~~
 - a. ~~The tax credit is nonrefundable;~~

¹ The process to purchase a tax credit typically involves the acquisition of a tax credit certificate (certificated tax credits) or the execution of a state or federal transfer form (transferable tax credits). Tax credits which have been received through other means are indicative of tax credits allocated from an investment (For example, if the tax credits are received through a schedule K-1) and may be within scope of SSAP No. 93.

² For the purposes of this statement, awarded tax credits are tax credits issued to the reporting entity which were neither purchased nor allocated from an investment structure. A common example of an awarded tax credit are Job Creation tax credits which are a type of performance-based tax credit program.

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- ~~b. The holder of the transferable state tax credit may sell or otherwise transfer the transferable state tax credit to another entity, which can likewise resell or transfer the credit;~~
- ~~c. The transferable state tax credit will expire if not used by a predetermined date; and~~
- ~~d. The transferable state tax credit can be applied against either state income tax or state premium tax.~~

~~6. For purposes of this statement, such programs will be referred to as “transferable state tax credits.” The criteria in paragraphs 5.b., 5.c. and 5.d. must be present in order for the transferable state tax credit to receive the accounting treatment described in this statement. When a reporting entity purchases a transferable state tax credit from another entity, the transaction does not result in a continuing investment in a business entity (i.e. limited partnership).~~

Non-Transferable State Tax Credits

~~7. If the original or subsequent holder of the transferable tax credit is not able to transfer the tax credit, then the admissibility criteria in paragraph 8 for non-transferable tax credits apply. These non-transferable state tax credits share the following characteristics:~~

- ~~a. The tax credit is nonrefundable;~~
- ~~b. The successive holder of a state tax credit must redeem the credit by April 15 of the subsequent year to the entity’s acquisition of the state tax credit and is not permitted to carry over, carry back, obtain a refund, sell or assign the credit;~~
- ~~c. The non-transferable state tax credit will expire if not used by the predetermined date; and~~
- ~~d. The non-transferable state tax credit can be applied against either state income tax or state premium tax.~~

~~5. The criteria in paragraphs 7.b., 7.c. and 7.d. must be present in order for the non-transferable state tax credit to receive the accounting treatment described in this statement.~~For the purposes of this statement, “tax credits” must be issued by either a federal or state governmental entity and must be refundable³ or can be applied against income tax or premium tax in accordance with permitted IRS or state tax provisions. Tax credits which may be sold or otherwise transferred to another entity are referred to as “transferable tax credits” whereas all other tax credits are referred to as “non-transferable.”

~~6. When a reporting entity purchases a transferable or certificated tax credit from another entity, the transaction does not result in a continuing investment in a business entity (i.e., limited partnership).~~Direct payment elections are non-revocable and supersede the transferability of tax credits, as such, once the election has been made the tax credit would be considered a non-transferable tax credit.

~~Transferable and non-transferable state tax credits as defined within this SSAP held by reporting entities meet the definition of assets as specified in SSAP No. 4—Assets and Nonadmitted Assets and~~

³ Direct payment tax credits are synonymous with refundable tax credits, as such the terms are used interchangeably within this statement.

~~are admissible assets to the extent that they comply with the requirements of this statement. If the criteria in paragraphs 6 or 8 are not met, the tax credits are nonadmitted.~~

Acquisition Accounting

7. All tax credits within the scope of the statement must be recognized in the period they are allocated to or purchased by the reporting entity for tax purposes and must be recorded at face value upon receipt. ~~Transferable and non-transferable state tax credits are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition.~~ Tax credits acquired at a premium or discount to their face value must record the gain/loss as follows:

- a. Tax credits acquired at a discount must defer the gain as a miscellaneous liability upon receipt of the tax credit.
- b. Tax credits acquired at a premium must realize the loss within the income statement upon receipt of the tax credit.

8. ~~Deferred~~ Gains on ~~transferable and nontransferable~~ tax credits are deferred until the value of the ~~state~~ tax credits utilized exceeds the initial acquisition cost of the tax credits, or until the ~~state~~ tax credits are transferred to other entities or the direct payment election is utilized and the payment(s) or refund ~~is greater than~~ exceed the initial carrying acquisition value cost.

Balance Sheet Treatment

9. Tax credits shall be recognized in the period that they are purchased or allocated to the reporting entity for tax purposes:

- a. Federal tax credits that can be utilized in the year allocated or purchased shall be reported in the income statement as an offset to federal taxes in accordance with *SSAP No. 101—Income Taxes*. Federal tax credits that cannot be utilized in the year allocated or purchased and are carried forward to a future tax year shall be reported ~~net of~~ as a deferred tax asset (DTA) in accordance with SSAP No. 101.
- b. State tax credits that can be utilized in the year allocated or purchased shall be reported in the income statement as an offset to state premium tax or state income tax, whichever is applicable, in the tax-reporting year in which the credit is utilized. State tax credits that cannot be utilized in the year allocated or purchased and are carried forward to a future tax year shall be reported gross of any related state tax liabilities and reported in the category of other-than-invested-assets (not to be reported net).

10. Use of carried forward tax credits in a future period shall be reflected as an offset to the corresponding income or premiums tax in the tax reporting year in which the tax credit is utilized.

~~8. Transferable and non-transferable state tax credits shall be established gross of any related state tax liabilities and reported in the category of other than invested assets (not reported net).~~

~~9. As transferable and non-transferable state tax credits are redeemed, the carrying value of the tax credits is reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of state tax credits applied toward the reporting entity's applicable state tax liability.~~

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~~10. Gains on transferable and non-transferable state tax credits are deferred until the value of the state tax credits utilized exceeds the cost of the state tax credits or until the state tax credits are sold to other entities and the payment received is greater than the book value.~~

~~11. Losses on transferable and non-transferable state tax credits are recognized when known.~~

11. Gains and losses on transferable and non-transferable state tax credits are reflected in other income when realized.

12. A tax credit asset is considered purchased or allocated once the tax credit is received and available for use. If the reporting entity determines a commitment to purchase tax credits has met the definition of a liability, then the asset would be reported in other-than-invested assets as tax credits receivable.

Admittance

13. ~~Transferable and non-transferable~~ Tax credits as defined within this SSAP held by reporting entities meet the definition of assets as specified in SSAP No. 4—Assets and Nonadmitted Assets and are admissible assets to the extent that they comply with the requirements of this statement. The admissibility of tax credits ~~are~~is subject to SSAP No. 101.

Impairment

~~12.14.~~ 14. An impairment shall be considered to have occurred if it is probable that the reporting entity will be unable to recover the book/-adjusted carrying value ~~amount~~ of the ~~transferable or non-transferable state~~ tax credits. T~~State~~ tax credits should be evaluated for impairment at each reporting date.

~~13.15.~~ 15. When there is a decline in the realizability of a ~~transferable or non-transferable state~~ tax credit owned by the reporting entity that is other-~~than~~-temporary^(INT 06-07), the asset shall be written down to the expected realizable amount and the amount of the write down shall be accounted for as a realized loss. The expected realizable value is the new cost basis.

~~14.16.~~ 16. The new cost basis shall not be changed for subsequent recoveries in realizability.

Disclosures

~~15.17.~~ 17. The following disclosures shall be made in the financial statements for the reporting period(s) presented. For purposes of this disclosure, total unused ~~transferable and non-transferable state~~ tax credits represent the entire amount of ~~transferable and non-transferable state~~ tax credits available:

- a. Carrying value of ~~transferable and non-transferable state~~ tax credits, disaggregated by transferable/certificated and non-transferable, gross of any related ~~state~~ tax liabilities by state jurisdiction and in total.;
- b. Total unused ~~transferable and non-transferable state~~ tax credits by state jurisdiction, disaggregated by transferable/certificated and non-transferable.;
- c. Method of estimating utilization of remaining ~~transferable and non-transferable state~~ tax credits or other projected recovery of the current carrying value.
- d. Impairment amount recognized in the reporting period(s), if any.

- e. Identify ~~state~~-tax credits by transferable/certificated and non-transferable classifications, and identify the admitted and ~~N~~onadmitted portions of each classification.

~~+6.~~18. Any commitment or contingent commitment to purchase tax credits shall be disclosed.

Effective Date and Transition

19. This statement is effective for reporting periods ending on or after December 31, 2006. Early adoption is permitted. A change resulting from the adoption of this statement shall be accounted for as a change in accounting principle in accordance with SSAP No. 3. Substantive revisions to 1) revising the title; 2) incorporating the criteria for non-transferable state tax credits as described in paragraphs 7 and 8; 3) adding a disclosure; and 4) updating terminology throughout the document as appropriate, are effective for reporting periods ending on or after December 31, 2011.

20. In March 2024, new SAP concept revisions, as detailed in Issue Paper No. XXX, were adopted. These revisions, effective January 1, 2025, with early adoption permitted, expanded the scope of SSAP No. 94R to include all purchased, and certain allocated, state and federal income or premium tax credits and provide new guidance on the accounting, recognition, and reporting for state and federal tax credits within the scope of this statement. As of the effective date, reporting entities shall prospectively modify the recognition, accounting, and reporting of tax credits within the scope of this statement to reflect the guidance in the conceptual revisions. For unutilized tax credits which were carried forward from prior to the effective date:

- a. Federal tax credits in other-than-invested assets are to be transferred and reported ~~net of~~ as a ~~deferred tax asset (DTA)~~ in accordance with SSAP No. 101.
- ~~a.~~b. Tax credits previously recorded at acquisition cost should be adjusted to reflect the face value of the acquired tax credits with the corresponding loss immediately recognized or the gain deferred.

REFERENCES

Relevant Issue Papers

- Issue Paper No. 126—Accounting for Transferable State Tax Credits
- Issue Paper No. 145—Accounting for Transferable and Non-Transferable State Tax Credits
- Issue Paper No. XXX—XXX

EXHIBIT A – ACCOUNTING FOR TRANSFERABLE ~~STATE~~ TAX CREDITS

On 1/1/X1 SAM Insurance Company purchased transferable state tax credits for a cost of \$100,000. The transferable state tax credits are redeemable for \$160,000 and expire at the end of 12/31/X4. SAM initially expects to utilize the tax credits before expiration in their state of domicile in the amount of \$40,000 per year. In year X4, SAM sells the remaining \$30,000 in transferable state tax credits for \$20,000.

1/1/x1	Transferable state tax credits	100 160,000	
	<u>Deferred gains on acquired tax credits</u>		<u>60,000</u>
	Cash		100,000
	<i>To record the purchase of the tax credits</i>		
6/30/x1	Premium tax expense	40,000	
	Premium taxes payable to domiciliary state		40,000
	<i>To record premium tax expense and accrue the liability in Year 1.</i>		
10/1/x1	Premium tax payable	40,000	
	Transferable state tax credits		40,000
	<i>To record the use of tax credits in Year 1. The reporting entity expects to be able to utilize remaining tax credits before expiration.</i>		
6/30/x2	Premium tax expense	60,000	
	Premium taxes payable to domiciliary state		60,000
	<i>To record premium tax expense and accrue the liability in Year 2.</i>		
9/30/x2	Premium tax payable	60,000	
	Transferable state tax credits		60,000
	<i>To record the use of taxes credits in Year 2. The reporting entity expects to be able to utilize remaining tax credits before expiration.</i>		
6/30/x3	Premium tax expense	30,000	
	Premium taxes payable to domiciliary state		30,000
	<i>To record premium tax expense and accrue the liability in Year 3.</i>		
9/30/x3	Premium tax payable	30,000	
	<u>Transferable state tax credits</u>		30,000
	<u>Deferred gains on acquired tax credits</u>	<u>30,000</u>	
	<u>Other income</u>		<u>30,000</u>
	<i>To record the use of premium tax credits in excess of cost and recognize a gain on premium tax credits in other income. The Company intends to sell the remaining tax credits in year 4.</i>		
6/30/x4	Cash	20,000	
	<u>Other income</u>	<u>10,000</u>	
	<u>Transferable state tax credits</u>		<u>30,000</u>
	<u>Deferred gains on acquired tax credits</u>	<u>30,000</u>	
	Other income		20 30,000
	<i>To record the sale of the remaining tax credits.</i>		

EXHIBIT B – ACCOUNTING FOR NON-TRANSFERABLE ~~STATE~~ TAX CREDITS

On 7/1/X1 LJW Insurance Company purchased non-transferable ~~state-federal~~ tax credits for a cost of \$100,000. The ~~state-federal~~ tax credits are redeemable for \$110,000, ~~are not transferable~~ and expire on, April 15, 20x2. LJW expects to utilize the tax credits before expiration ~~in their state of domicile~~ in the amount of \$110,000. Tax credits are utilized pro-rata, approximately \$36,666 every quarter, from acquisition date to expiration date. The illustration below assumes that LJW Insurance Company's quarterly income tax liability equals the amount of credits that were purchased.

7/1/x1	State-Federal tax credits	110,000	
	<u>Deferred gains on acquired tax credits</u>		<u>10,000</u>
	Cash		100,000
	<i>To record the purchase of the tax credits</i>		
9/30/x1	Premium <u>Income</u> tax expense	200,000 <u>36,666</u>	
	<u>Income</u> Premium taxes payable to		200,000 <u>36,666</u>
	domiciliary state		
	<i>To record <u>quarterly premium tax expense and accrue the income tax liability.</u></i>		
<u>10/1/x1</u>	<u>Income taxes payable</u>	<u>36,666</u>	
	<u>Federal tax credits</u>		<u>36,666</u>
	<i>To record the use of tax credits in the quarter.</i>		
<u>12/31/x1</u>	<u>Income tax expense</u>	<u>36,666</u>	
	<u>Income taxes payable</u>		<u>36,666</u>
	<i>To record quarterly income tax liability.</i>		
<u>1/1/x2</u>	<u>Income taxes payable</u>	<u>36,666</u>	
	<u>Federal tax credits</u>		<u>36,666</u>
	<i>To record the use of tax credits in the quarter.</i>		
<u>3/31/x2</u>	<u>Income tax expense</u>	<u>36,668</u>	
	<u>Income taxes payable</u>		<u>36,668</u>
	<i>To record quarterly income tax liability.</i>		
3/15/x2	Premium tax payable	110,000	
<u>4/1/x2</u>	<u>Income taxes payable</u>	<u>36,668</u>	
	<u>Deferred gains on acquired tax credits</u>	<u>10,000</u>	
	<u>Other Income</u>		<u>10,000</u>
	<u>Federal tax credits</u>		<u>36,668</u>
	Other Income		10,000
	Federal tax credits		100 <u>110,000</u>
	<i>To record the use of premium tax credits <u>in the quarter</u> in excess of cost and recognize a gain on premium tax credits in other income. (The additional \$90,000 of premium taxes payable would still be due.)</i>		

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