

PRODUCTION SERVICES TAX CREDIT (PSTC) ACCREDITATION CHECKLIST

A corporation is entitled to a tax credit in respect of a taxation year if the corporation files with the Canada Revenue Agency all information and records required for the tax credit within 36 months after the end of that taxation year, including an Accreditation Certificate. It is advisable to submit your application for an Accreditation Certificate to Creative BC within 30 months of the Corporation's taxation year end to provide for sufficient processing time.

A. PRE-CERTIFICATION

- Apply for a Pre-certification Number by submitting a Pre-certification form through Creative BC's website within 60 days after the project's Start Date of work in BC;
- Pre-certification Number received by email from Creative BC;
- There is no fee for this Pre-certification

B. APPLICATION

- Please transmit a fully completed PSTC online application through Creative BC's website;
- Send cheque payment for Administration Fee (payable to Creative BC):
 - Principal Photography Start Date prior to Feb 19, 2020: Administration fee of \$5,500 (plus GST) per production
 - Principal Photography Start Date on or after Feb 19, 2020: Administration fee of \$10,000 (plus GST) per production.

C. ACCREDITED PRODUCTION CORPORATION

- Proof of permanent establishment in British Columbia (e.g. lease agreement, bank statement, etc.) showing the Applicant's name and permanent establishment address in BC to demonstrate that the Applicant is subject to tax in British Columbia;

D. ACCREDITED PRODUCTION

- A legal opinion letter attesting to the copyright ownership in the Production;
- An Affidavit for Official Designee when the Applicant is not the copyright owner (form on Creative BC's website);
- Copy of the production services agreement between the copyright owner and the Applicant when the Applicant is not the copyright owner;
- Locked and signed total production budget (budget top sheet accepted). Provide currency exchange rate if not in Canadian dollars;
- Breakdown of estimated BC labour expenditure;
- If applying for the Regional or for the Regional and Distant Location Tax Credits, provide a copy of the daily production reports verifying the location(s) of each shooting day in BC;
- If applying for the Regional or for the Regional and Distant Location Tax Credits for an animated production with a key animation start date after June 26, 2015, provide a detailed labour breakdown of the work rendered in the regional and distant location(s);
- If applying for the Digital Animation, Visual Effects and Post Production (DAVE) Tax Credit, provide:
 - a detailed breakdown of estimated BC labour expenditure directly attributable to eligible digital animation, visual effects and post production activities;
 - a description of the methodology used to determine on-set DAVE labour (if there is on-set work done in BC directly attributable to creating visual effects). The methodology should show that the visual effects for the

WARNING: False or misleading information will result in automatic denial of the tax credits and may lead to prosecution under the Income Tax Act (British Columbia).

production are created primarily (i.e. greater than 50%) with digital technology (include your calculation based on total estimated DAVE costs).

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (“Certifying Authority”) and Creative BC reserve the right to request additional documentation, including but not limited to a copy of the completed Production, to be submitted in a timely manner in order to assess the application. All documentation or information received with respect to an application for a PSTC Accreditation Certificate is subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Income Tax Act (British Columbia), and will be maintained in strictest of confidence by the Certifying Authority and Creative BC.

The PSTC is administered by Creative BC. Inquiries and applications should be directed to Creative BC.