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South Carolinians are incentivized to protect against damage that could be caused before a hurricane or catastrophic event occurs. There are two state income tax credits available to help offset the costs of mitigation to one's legal residence. Together, they are known as Tax Credits for Fortification Measures.

•A **Tax Credit for Retrofit Project Costs** is available to help offset some of the costs incurred in a qualified fortification project such as labor and material costs. The maximum tax credit in any taxable year is limited to **25% of the total costs incurred or \$1,000**, whichever is less.

•A **Tax Credit for Retrofit Supplies** allows SC taxpayers a credit of **up to \$1,500** against the state sales or use taxes paid on purchases of tangible personal property used in a qualified fortification project.

***Fortification measures or retrofits must increase the structural resistance to hurricane, rising floodwaters or other catastrophic windstorm event damage.***

•Fortification projects must be to the **South Carolina taxpayer's legal residence**.

•**Qualified fortification projects** include:

- ✓ roof covering construction,
- ✓ roof attachment,
- ✓ roof-to-wall connections,
- ✓ secondary water resistance, and
- ✓ opening protections.

•Qualifying projects **must follow prescribed standards** as outlined in the SC Safe Home Resource Document for Mitigation Techniques.

•Certain projects are ineligible for these state income tax credits, including:

- Ordinary repair/ replacement of existing items that do not increase a residence's resistance; and
- New construction.

•Limits are by taxable year and credits must be claimed for each year in which fortification measures are completed.

•Individuals claiming these credits must maintain evidence that the fortification measures were implemented and receipts for the associated costs incurred. These must be provided to the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) upon request.

•The SCDOR has prepared a form for taxpayers to use connection with claiming these state income tax credits. The form, which is entitled Residential Retrofit Credit, is labeled as SC SCH.TC-43.

For more information, visit the South Carolina Department of Insurance website, [www.doi.sc.gov](http://www.doi.sc.gov), and **search for "Tax Credits for Fortification Measures"** or

contact the SCDOR's South Carolina Safe Home Program:  
1-803-737-6087  
[scsafehome@doi.sc.gov](mailto:scsafehome@doi.sc.gov)

To download Tax Form SC SCH.TC-43, visit [www.dor.sc.gov](http://www.dor.sc.gov) and **search for "43"** in the Form Name box **under "Find a Form."**

For additional information on the filing process for a taxpayer to claim the tax credits for fortification measures, contact the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

***As with any tax matter, consult a tax professional for specific information on your individual situation.***