

**Virginia Enterprise Zone  
Job Creation Grant  
Instruction Manual  
Grant Year 2021**













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## ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This manual provides instructions for qualifying for the Enterprise Zone (EZ) Job Creation Grant (JCG). It has been compiled for the applicant (the business firm) and addresses the applicant's responsibilities in completing the application materials.

Specific icons have been used throughout the manual to provide user-friendly instructions.

- Frequently asked questions have been included within each grant section and are denoted by a question mark symbol  within a text box.
- Important definitions, guidelines, and reminders are emphasized in highlighted text boxes.
- Snapshots of the actual application forms are included within the manual to provide step-by-step instructions for each component of the application.
- Details pertaining to required application materials (including the JCG Worksheet in Excel) have been indicated by .
- Details pertaining to the timeline for submission are indicated by .
- Lastly, for your convenience, the definitions of key terms are included in the glossary on Pages 24-26. These terms are defined by statute and program regulation and must be followed.

A qualified representative of the business firm is expected to complete all of the required application components. An independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA), licensed in Virginia, must attest to the application materials. For specific information on CPA eligibility, see the text box on Page 21.

The Job Creation Grant instruction manual is organized as follows:

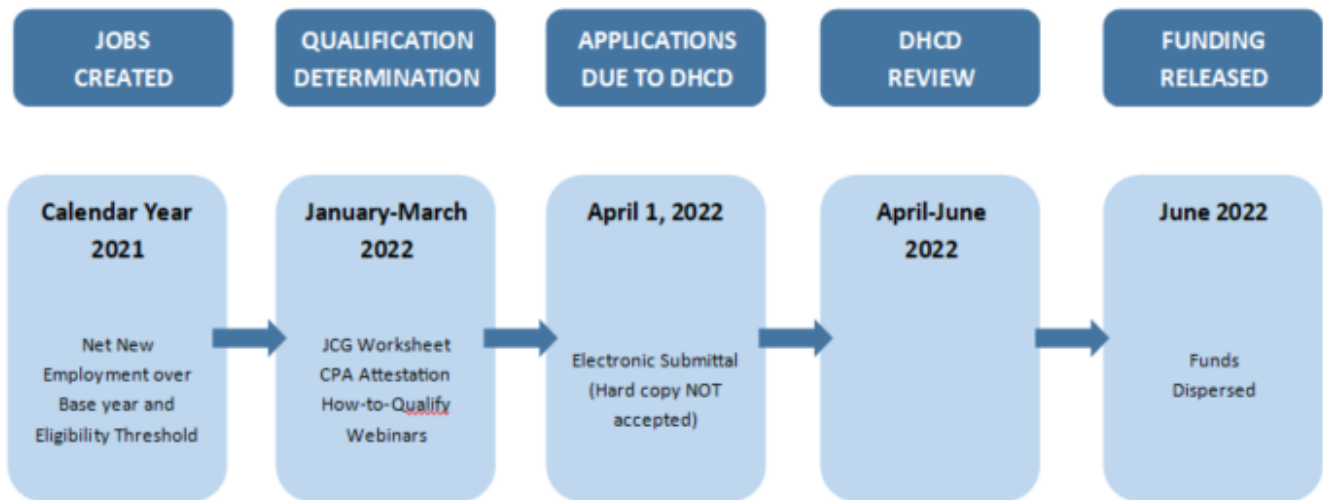
- An overview of the grant amount and eligibility criteria;
- General limitations;
- Preliminary information for applicants to gather;
- Step-by-step instructions for completing the required application and supplemental materials.

## ENTERPRISE ZONE GRANT QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Enterprise Zone grants are subject to an annual appropriation by the General Assembly. By statute, the Job Creation Grants receive funding priority. After fully funding the JCGs, the remaining funds will be allocated to the Real Property Investment Grants (RPIG). The amount paid to each RPIG applicant will be prorated proportionally should grant requests exceed the remaining funds. Job Creation Grants are not subject to proration.

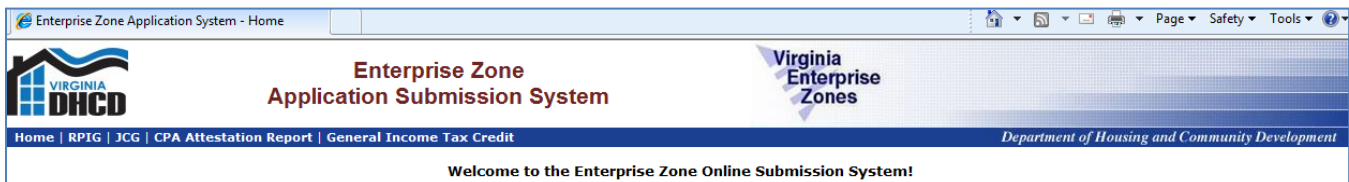
The Enterprise Zone program operates by calendar year. For JCGs, eligibility is determined by the year that the position was hired. If a position was hired any time between January-December of 2021, then that position is eligible for a JCG in Grant Year 2021 (for which applications are due on April 1, 2022). If a position is hired in 2022 before applications are due on April 1, 2022 for Grant Year 2021, that position is NOT eligible for Grant Year 2021 funds, but is eligible for the following year, Grant Year 2022.

## 🕒 Grant Year 2021 Timeline



## 🖥️ ACCESSING THE APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


The Qualified Zone Investor is expected to complete and submit all required application components. In the past, both hard copy and electronic submission were required. Hard copies are no longer accepted. All information that was previously on FORM EZ-JCG is entered into fields on the EZ Application Submission System and is submitted electronically. For clarity, these fields on the system will be referred to as “EZ-JCG Fields or EZ-JCG HUA fields” throughout the document. In addition, all required attachments, including the JCG Worksheet, the CPA Attestation Report (if applicable), and supplemental documents are also submitted electronically through the Submission System. The EZ Application Submission System site can be found here: <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZApplication/>.





As part of the application process, an independent\* Certified Public Accountant (CPA), licensed in Virginia, must attest to these application materials. The **CPA Attestation Report** is required and must be submitted with most JCG grant applications, unless otherwise noted in this manual. The **Agreed upon Procedures for CPA Attestations** and **Attestation Report Templates** are available on the [EZ Application Submission System](#).

\*Must be independent of the Qualified Zone Investor

## SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

 All applications must be submitted through the system no later than 11:59PM, April 1, 2022 (EDT). Applicants will be prompted to save and print the completed application for their own records.

 Any application submitted without the required CPA Attestation Report or submitted after the deadline will be considered **late**. Such applications are held until DHCD determines that funds remain after fully funding on-time applications. At such time, DHCD will review and process late applications on a first-come, first served basis. **Please keep in mind that DHCD is unable to pre-qualify any applicants.**

 If submitting more than one application, each grant application and associated **materials must be submitted separately** via electronic submission.

## Application Confirmations

Email confirmations will be sent throughout the submittal process to keep the applicant informed of the status of the application and to bring any submittal issues to the applicant's attention prior to certain deadlines. Applicants will receive confirmation emails in the following order:

### **1. Successful submission of the online application**

This email will indicate the date and time of the submittal. DHCD recommends applicants print the application at this time and retain confirmation emails with their grant records. **If the applicant has submitted all required documents as electronic attachments with signatures within the EZ Application Submission System, this notification is the only one that will be received.**

**If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application was not received. If you receive an error message, your application was not received. Please contact staff immediately if you encounter technical issues with the online application system.**





### **2. Notification of Deficiencies**

DHCD will notify applicants by May 15<sup>th</sup> in cases where any additional information is required due to application deficiencies. The email will be sent from the following address: [ezone@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:ezone@dhcd.virginia.gov). Please reply directly to this address when responding to the email.

### **3. Notification of Resolution of Deficiencies**

Applicants must resolve any identified deficiencies by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the applicant provides the requested information, a final email will be sent to the applicant confirming DHCD's receipt of the requested material.

## JOB CREATION GRANT QUALIFICATION

<p>Job Creation Grants are based on net new permanent full-time job creation exceeding a four-job threshold. Positions over the four-job threshold must meet wage and health benefits requirements to be eligible.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The business must be located within the boundaries of an Enterprise Zone.</li> <li>The <a href="#">business</a> must create at least <b>four net new permanent full-time positions</b> over the <a href="#">base calendar year</a>.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base Year employment can be either of the two calendar years immediately preceding the first grant year. Base Year employment is established in the first grant application and remains static for the full five-year period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>These positions must meet wage and health benefit <b>requirements</b>.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positions must earn at least 175% of the Federal Minimum Wage<sup>1</sup>, 150% in High Unemployment Areas.</li> <li>Firm must offer to cover at least 50% of employee’s health insurance premium.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ineligible Applicants</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following entities are prohibited from applying for the JCG:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units of local, state, or federal government</li> <li>Non-profit, other than those classified as NAICS 813910 and 813920.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The following entities and positions are prohibited from applying for the JCG:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Personal service</a>, <a href="#">food and beverage</a>, and <a href="#">retail</a> positions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grant Term</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five-year periods beginning with the first grant year in which a JCG was awarded.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be eligible for the JCG in years two through five, the firm must maintain or increase the number of eligible permanent full-time positions (above the four-job threshold) over base year employment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Firms may apply for a <a href="#">subsequent</a> five-year period given they meet the grant eligibility requirements. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> for more information on subsequent five-year periods.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grant Calculations</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job Creation Grant awards are determined by the <b>wages</b> paid and the number of months positions were filled during the Grant Year.</li> <li>Grants are available in amounts of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$500 per grant eligible position filled by an employee earning at least 175% (150% in HUAs) of the FMW who was offered health benefits.</li> <li>Up to \$800 per grant eligible position filled by an employee earning 200% of the FMW who was offered health benefits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Firms can receive grants for <b>up to 350 positions</b> per year.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The Federal Minimum Wage (FMW) is currently \$7.25 per hour. In order to be eligible for the Job Creation Grant, net new positions must be paid at least \$12.69/hour (\$10.88 in HUAs) to be eligible for the \$500 grant and at least \$14.50/hour to be eligible for the \$800 grant.

## General Limitations

- A firm can receive Job Creation Grants for a maximum of **350 grant eligible positions per year**. Firms with multiple locations in Enterprise Zones can receive Job Creation Grants for a maximum of 350 positions total. For example, if a firm has a location in the Martinsville EZ and the Petersburg EZ, they can only qualify 350 total positions for the two locations.
- Although businesses may qualify for both the Enterprise Zone Job Creation Grant and the **Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit**, firms may not qualify the same positions for both incentive programs.

## EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Job Creation Grants are awarded for the creation of net new permanent full-time positions meeting certain wage and health benefits requirements. Given the normal turnover of employees, it is possible that several employees will fill one permanent full-time position in any one calendar year. This is acceptable as long as it is not “job sharing” where two employees, each working part-time, fill one position.

## Eligible Employees ( Included on JCG Worksheet )

A person employed by a business firm, located within an Enterprise Zone, who is **normally scheduled** to work **full-time**, based on the following criteria:

- Minimum of 35 hours per week for the entire normal year of the business firm’s operations, which a normal year must consist of at least 48 weeks;
- Minimum of 35 hours per week for a portion of the taxable year in which the employee was initially hired for or transferred to the business firm; or
- Minimum of 1,680 hours per year if the standard fringe benefits are paid by the business firm for the employee.

Grant awards will be prorated based on the number of **full months** of the grant year in which the employee met the wage and health benefits requirements. The following situations would trigger the proration of the \$500 and \$800 grant per position:

- An employee was employed less than 12 months during the grant year.
- An employee only met the wage and health benefits requirements for a portion of the grant year.
- The employee’s wages changed or the Federal Minimum Wage changed during the qualification year.

### Ineligible Employees ( Included on JCG Worksheet )

- Positions paid **less than 175%** of the [Federal Minimum Wage](#) (\$12.69/hour) or 150% of FMW (\$10.88/hour) in HUAs.
- Positions that were **not offered health insurance coverage** equal to at least 50% of health insurance premium based on the health benefits agreement.
- **Employees not meeting wage or health insurance thresholds should be included on the worksheet, but will be automatically filtered out of the grant calculations on the JCG Worksheet in Excel.**

### Ineligible Employees ( Excluded from JCG Worksheet )

- Positions not meeting the statutory definition of '[Full-Time](#)', as defined in the Glossary at the end of this document.
- Positions in [retail](#), [personal service](#), or [food and beverage services](#).
- Positions that are [seasonal](#), temporary, leased, or contracted.
- Positions that previously existed elsewhere in the Commonwealth, including any positions that were [transferred](#) from outside a zone location to a zone location.
- Positions created by a business that is simultaneously closing or downsizing other facilities in the Commonwealth.
- A person that was previously employed in the same job function in Virginia by a [related party](#), or a trade or business under [common control](#). This includes positions filled by a business that was then purchased by another taxpayer who continued its operation (not net new to Virginia).
- A person that previously qualified for a JCG in connection with a different Enterprise Zone location on behalf of the applicant taxpayer, a related job, or a trade or business under common control (cannot claim the same job twice).
- A person whose position previously qualified a firm for the Major Business Facility Tax Credit.



**My business is not a retail business, but I have retail positions. Is my firm eligible for JCG?**  
If your business firm is not a retail business, you can only include those positions that are not retail, food/beverage, or personal service positions for the purposes of qualifying for the Job Creation Grant. For example: A hotel is a qualified business for JCG purposes. However, positions in a hotel restaurant or gift shop should be excluded.



## HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS

Any business applying as an HUA applicant must complete the **EZ-JCG-HUA fields** and fill out the **JCG-HUA Worksheet**. These documents are specifically tailored to accommodate the reduced wage rate threshold.

Locality	Zone #
Brunswick County*	32B
Northumberland County*	50C
City of Danville*	1 & 57B
Dickenson County (Clintwood & Haysi)	49A
City of Emporia*	43B
City of Hopewell	9
Tazewell County	44
Northampton County*	26B
City of Petersburg	10
Wise County	52

\*The following communities in joint zones are NOT HUAs: Mecklenburg, Lancaster, Richmond, Westmoreland, Pittsylvania, Greensville, and Accomack Counties and the towns of Kilmarnock and Warsaw. Businesses in these communities are not eligible for the reduced wage threshold. Source: DHCD, based on the LAUS Unit and Bureau of Labor Statistics 2020 annual Virginia Unemployment Report.

The following localities are no longer considered HUA zones:

- City of Franklin
- City of Galax
- City of Covington
- City of Martinsville
- Greensville County
- Halifax County
- Henry County
- Lancaster County (Kilmarnock)
- Mecklenburg County
- Page County
- City of Portsmouth
- Prince Edward County
- Richmond County

Businesses in these zones that have previously applied for the JCG as HUA applicants may continue to qualify for the \$500 grant at the reduced wage threshold of \$10.88/hour for the remainder of their 5-year grant period. However, any new business applying for the JCG in these zones must pay a wage rate threshold of at least 175% of the FMW (\$12.69/hour) to be eligible for the grant.

## 📁 REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

In the past, both hard copy and electronic submission were required. Hard copies are no longer accepted. All information that was previously on **Form EZ-JCG or EZ-JCG-HUA** is entered into fields in the EZ Application System and is submitted electronically. In addition, all required attachments and supplemental documents are also submitted electronically through the Submission System and must be submitted online by **11:59 PM on April 1, 2022 (EST)**.

Job Creation Grant Submission Materials	
Materials	Submission Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EZ-JCG or EZ-JCG-HUA Background &amp; Qualification Information entered into EZ Application system</li> </ul> <p>To be uploaded in the system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth of Virginia W-9</a></li> <li>• JCG Worksheet Sheets *</li> <li>• CPA Attestation Report</li> </ul> <p><b>*In Year 1, all firms are required to submit Sheets 1 &amp; 2 from the JCG Worksheet. In Years 2-5, only firms that are exempt from the attestation are required to submit the JCG Worksheet Sheets 1 &amp; 2.</b></p>	<p><b>All application materials are due to DHCD on April 1, 2022*</b></p> <p>Applicants must submit their application and all required supporting documentation electronically through the EZ Online Submission System. Hard copies will NOT be accepted.</p>

📁 Details and instructions regarding each of the listed application materials are included in the following sections. All supplemental forms are available on the EZ Online Submission System site: <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/>.

## 📁 JCG/JCG-HUA WORKSHEET: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

**The JCG/JCG-HUA Worksheet must be completed and uploaded to complete the application. Business firms applying as HUA applicants must use the JCG-HUA Worksheet. All other business firms should use the standard JCG Worksheet.**

📁 To determine eligibility, the business firm will then need to utilize I-9 or comparable employment documentation to verify the start date of permanent full-time employment for all permanent full-time positions in the base year and grant year and identify which permanent full-time positions are net new after the base year. If the company has created at least 4 new permanent full-time positions, **the firm must complete the JCG/JCG-HUA Worksheet to calculate eligible employment in the base and grant years.**

The JCG/JCG-HUA Worksheet is an **Excel spreadsheet** that tabulates information on all employees filling permanent full-time positions and the hourly wage rates of the employees hired in the grant year. Based on the work dates and applicable wage rates entered for the net new positions, the remainder of the qualification information is automatically calculated within the Worksheet. The grant award for each position is determined

based on the wages entered for each grant-eligible position, and the [full months](#) they were employed in the grant year. The JCG/JCG-HUA Worksheets are available at <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/>.

## JCG WORKSHEET: Sheet 1

1. **The business firm representative must provide his/her signature verifying the following:**
  - No retail, food or beverage, or personal service positions are listed on the worksheet.
  - All employees listed are permanent full-time positions and have not been churned from another location within the Commonwealth of Virginia.
  - All employees listed on the worksheet (Grant & Base Year) meet the [report to work](#) requirement.
2. **Determine the Grant Year.**
  - The calendar year for which the firm is requesting the Job Creation Grant must be **2021**.
3. **Determine the Base Year.**
  - The base year is either of the two calendar years immediately preceding a business firm's first year of grant eligibility.
    - For Grant Year 2021, Year 1 applicants may choose from calendar year 2020 or 2019 as the base year.
  - **Base Year Employment is a static number, and should remain the same for each year in the firm's five-year grant period.** Therefore, firms applying in Years 2-5 should report the same base year employees on the JCG Worksheet and Part II, Box 4A in the EZ Application System as was reported on their Year 1 application and Worksheet.

 **WARNING:**

The columns on the Job Creation Grant Worksheet must be filled out from **LEFT TO RIGHT**. Filling out the columns out-of-order can result in calculation errors, as it may allow wages to be entered for ineligible employees.



**Please note the following settings in the Worksheet:**

- The cells and formulas within the Worksheet are **locked**. The applicant can only enter in information where requested; no formulas can be overridden.
- Some columns are **hidden** (in order for the auto-calculations to function) and are therefore not visible to the user.
- The Worksheet will also highlight cells in red when duplicate names and/or SSNs have been entered.
- All **shaded** columns in the Worksheet automatically populate; the applicant only has to enter in values in the **non-shaded** columns and the yellow wage rate column.

### Columns A-D: Employees Filling Permanent Full-Time Positions

**1. Column C: "Employee Name"** List all employees filling permanent full-time positions (**EF-PFTPs**) in the base year in **alphabetical order**. Due to locks on the spreadsheet, applicants will not be able to use the "sort" function in Excel to alphabetize the employees' names.


- Include **every employee that worked in the base year** in a permanent full-time capacity regardless of how many months he or she was employed. This could be one day, one week, one month, or the full year. All EF-PFTPs that worked during the base year must be included on the list with the exception of unqualified positions described on Page 8.
- The Worksheet has a function that highlights cells in red when duplicate names and/or SSNs have been entered. If an employee has been intentionally entered twice due to the reasons described in the text box below, ignore the red cells.
- **BASE YEAR EMPLOYEES SHOULD ONLY BE LISTED ONCE, unless there was a gap in employment (ex. an employee that left for 2 months and was rehired). Base Year employees should NOT be listed more than once to reflect changes in wages.**

**2. Column D: "Last 4 Digits of SSN"** Enter in the last 4 digits of each employee's social security number.

**3. Column B: "Included in CPA Sample Y/N"** CPA must indicate which employees have been selected to be sampled through preparation of the CPA Attestation Report. **This is the final step of the Worksheet.**

4. Repeat steps 1-3, listing all EF-PFTPs in the grant year. Include every employee that worked in the grant year in a permanent full-time capacity regardless of how many months he or she was employed. The result should be 2 alphabetical lists of employees, with the base year employees listed first, and the grant year employees listed second. See Page 14 of this manual for directions on reflecting Grant Year employees with wage fluctuations.

Employees Filling Permanent Full-Time Positions			
Employee Number	Included in CPA Sample Y/N	Employee Name	Last 4 digits of SSN
1	Y	Patrick Henry	2222
2	Y	Patrick C. Henry	2222
3	Y	Thomas Jefferson	3333
4	Y	William Fleming	4444
5	Y	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	5555
6	Y	David Jameson	6666
7	Y	Benjamin Harrison V	7777
8	Y	Edmund Randolph	8888
9	Y	Henry Lee III	9999
10	Y	Henry Lee III	9999
11	Y	James Monroe	1212
12	Y	John Page	1313
13	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414
14	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414
15	Y	George William Smith	1515
16	Y	Peyton Randolph	1616
17	Y	James Barbour	1717
18			

 Employees should only be listed on the JCG worksheet once UNLESS:

- An employee was employed during two or more separate periods in the base or grant year.
- A grant-year employee's wages fluctuated during the grant year. This does NOT apply to base year employees.

In the template to the left, Henry Lee III is listed twice due to a wage fluctuation and John Tyler Sr. is also listed twice because he was employed during two separate time periods within the grant year.

The SSN cells for Patrick Henry and Patrick C. Henry are also highlighted because the same value has been entered twice. This could be a coincidence or it could be an error. The red is a warning to double check.

See screenshot on Page 14 for more details.

**Columns E-M: Base and Grant Year Employment**

To complete this portion of the JCG Worksheet, firm management must utilize the employees' payroll record documentation and I-9 Form.

5. Column E: "First work date in base year" Enter first work date of EF-PFTP in base year.

- All dates entered in Columns E & F must fall within the base calendar year.
- For employees who were only employed during the grant year, Columns E and F should be left blank.

6. Column F: "Last work date in base year" Enter last work date of EF-PFTP in base year.

- The months worked in the base year (Column I) for each employee filling a permanent full-time position will be automatically calculated.
  - Column I will highlight red if the total months worked is greater than 12. This indicates an error in dates entered, and Steps 5-6 should be corrected.
- Example: James Monroe (Line 11) was hired in 2021. For this reason, Columns E and F are left blank for the row pertaining to his base year work dates.

7. Column J: "First work date in grant year 2021" Enter the first work date of EF-PFTP in the grant year.

- All dates entered in Columns J & K must fall within the grant calendar year (2021).
- Columns J and K should be left blank for employees who worked in the base year but not grant year.

- *Example:* Patrick Henry (Line 1) was only employed in the base year 2019. For this reason, Columns J and K are left blank for the row pertaining to his employment.

**8. Column K: “Last work date in grant year 2021” Enter in the last work date of EF-PFTP.**

- The months worked in the grant year (Column M) for each employee filling a permanent full-time position will be automatically calculated.
  - Column M will highlight red if the total months worked is greater than 12. This indicates an error in dates entered, and Steps 7-8 should be corrected.

\*Please fill out the worksheet from left to right. Skipping columns may lead to incorrect calculations.

Employees Filling Permanent Full-Time Positions				Base Year			Current Grant Year (GY)		
Employee Number	Included in CPA Sample Y/N	Employee Name	Last 4 digits of SSN	First work date in base year	Last work date in base year	Months the EF-PFTP worked in Base Year	First work date in grant year 2020	Last work date in grant year 2020	Months the EF PFTP worked in Grant Year 2020
1	Y	Patrick Henry	2222	01/01/19	03/13/19	2.37			0.00
2	Y	Patrick C. Henry	2222	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
3	Y	Thomas Jefferson	3333	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
4	Y	William Fleming	4444	06/13/19	12/31/19	6.64	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
5	Y	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	5555	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
6	Y	David Jameson	6666	09/14/19	12/31/19	3.58	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
7	Y	Benjamin Harrison V	7777	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
8	Y	Edmund Randolph	8888			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
9	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	01/10/21	03/10/21	1.97
10	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	03/11/21	12/31/21	9.73
11	Y	James Monroe	1212			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98
12	Y	John Page	1313			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00
13	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414			0.00	01/01/21	03/01/21	1.97
14	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414			0.00	05/01/21	12/31/21	8.05
15	Y	George William Smith	1515			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98
16	Y	Peyton Randolph	1616			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98
17	Y	James Barbour	1717			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98
18						0.00			0.00
19						0.00			0.00

**Columns N-O: Health Benefits and Hourly Wages for Grant Year Employees**

To complete this portion of the JCG Worksheet, firm management must utilize the employees’ payroll record documentation, I-9 Form, and Health Benefits records.

**9. Column N: “Offered Health Benefits Y/N” For the employees listed only in the grant year, indicate their health benefits status.**

- “Y” indicates that the employee received or was offered [health benefits](#); “N” indicates the employee did not receive or was not offered health benefits.
- Column N may be left blank for any employees that worked in the base year.
- The hourly wage column (Column O) is programmed to shade black for any grant year employees that were not offered health benefits, as indicated by an “N”.

- **DO NOT enter the wage rate for employees not offered health benefits. If this column does not shade black, the excel sheet has not been completed correctly. Employees not offered health benefits are NOT eligible.**
- *Example:* James Monroe (Line11) was not offered health insurance. The “N” in Column N automatically triggered Column O to shade in black.

\*Please fill out the worksheet from left to right. Skipping columns may lead to incorrect calculations.

Employees Filling Permanent Full-Time Positions				Base Year			Current Grant Year (GY): 2020				
Employee Number	Included in CPA Sample Y/N	Employee Name	Last 4 digits of SSN	First work date in base year	Last work date in base year	Months the EF-PFTP worked in Base Year	First work date in grant year 2020	Last work date in grant year 2020	Months the EF PFTP worked in Grant Year 2020	Offered Health Benefits Y / N	Hourly wage Rate for Employees listed in ONLY Grant Year 2020
1	Y	Patrick Henry	2222	01/01/19	03/13/19	2.37			0.00	Y	
2	Y	Patrick C. Henry	2222	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
3	Y	Thomas Jefferson	3333	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
4	Y	William Fleming	4444	06/13/19	12/31/19	6.64	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
5	Y	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	5555	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
6	Y	David Jameson	6666	09/14/19	12/31/19	3.58	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
7	Y	Benjamin Harrison V	7777	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	
8	Y	Edmund Randolph	8888			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	15.00
9	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	01/10/21	03/10/21	1.97	Y	13.00
10	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	03/11/21	12/31/21	9.73	Y	15.00
11	Y	James Monroe	1212			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	N	
12	Y	John Page	1313			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	15.00
13	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414			0.00	01/01/21	03/01/21	1.97	Y	15.00
14	Y	John Tyler Sr.	1414			0.00	05/01/21	12/31/21	8.05	Y	15.00
15	Y	George William Smith	1515			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	15.00
16	Y	Peyton Randolph	1616			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	9.00
17	Y	James Barbour	1717			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	15.00
18						0.00			0.00		XX.XX

**10. Column O: “Hourly wage rate for Employees listed ONLY in Grant Year”** Enter hourly wage rates for grant year employees who received or were offered [health benefits](#).

- Employees with wage fluctuations will be entered on multiple lines, reflecting the grant year dates worked at each wage. Wage fluctuations should not be reflected for base year employees.
- **Wages should never be entered for employees that worked in the base year.** The worksheet is programmed to shade the applicable wage cell in black since these are not new positions.
- **Wages should never be entered for employees not offered health benefits.**
- **Starting, Ending, or Average Wages should NOT be used to reflect an annual hourly wage.**
- *Example:* Henry Lee III (Lines 9-10) received a wage raise, effective March 11<sup>th</sup> as reflected in Columns J-K and Column O.

**Columns P-R: Full Months For Grant Year Employees**

Based on the wages entered for the grant year employees filling permanent full-time positions, all the Columns P, Q, & R auto-populate such that the applicant does not have to manually distribute the total number of months each employee met the 175% (or 150% in HUAs) or 200% of the Federal Minimum Wage grant eligibility requirement.

Employment calculations for the base year and grant year are based on full-months. As such, the 4-job threshold is equivalent to **48 full-months** worked in excess of the full-months worked in the base year.

If a firm hires 5 employees on September 1 of the grant year (assuming no turnover), each employee would work 3 full-months in the grant year for a total of 15 full-months in the base year. While the firm hired 5 *people*, the firm would NOT exceed the 4-job threshold because each person only worked a small portion of the year.

\*Please fill out the worksheet from left to right. Skipping columns may lead to incorrect calculations.

Employees Filling Permanent Full-Time Positions				Base Year			Current Grant Year (GY): 2020					Wage Classification for Net New Positions		
Employee Number	Included in CPA Sample Y/N	Employee Name	Last 4 digits of SSN	First work date in base year	Last work date in base year	Months the EF-PFTP worked in Base Year	First work date in grant year 2020	Last work date in grant year 2020	Months the EF PFTP worked in Grant Year 2020	Offered Health Benefits Y/N	Hourly wage Rate for Employees listed in ONLY Grant Year 2020	PFTP in GY not grant eligible (not new in grant year or not meeting wage & health benefit requirement)	New EF PFTP in GY earning at least \$12.69/hr but less than \$14.50/hr	New EF PFTP in GY earning at least \$14.50/hr
1	Y	Patrick Henry	2222	01/01/19	03/13/19	2.37			0.00	Y		0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Y	Patrick C. Henry	2222	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
3	Y	Thomas Jefferson	3333	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
4	Y	William Fleming	4444	06/13/19	12/31/19	6.64	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
5	Y	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	5555	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
6	Y	David Jameson	6666	09/14/19	12/31/19	3.58	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
7	Y	Benjamin Harrison V	7777	01/01/19	12/31/19	12.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y		12.00	0.00	0.00
8	Y	Edmund Randolph	8888			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
9	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	01/10/21	03/10/21	1.97	Y	13.00	0.00	1.97	0.00
10	Y	Henry Lee III	9999			0.00	03/11/21	12/31/21	9.73	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	9.73
11	Y	James Monroe	12'2			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	N		10.98	0.00	0.00
12	Y	John Page	13'3			0.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	12.00	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
13	Y	John Tyler Sr.	14'4			0.00	01/01/21	03/01/21	1.97	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	1.97
14	Y	John Tyler Sr.	14'4			0.00	05/01/21	12/31/21	8.05	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	8.05
15	Y	George William Smith	15'5			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	10.98
16	Y	Peyton Randolph	16'6			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	9.00	0.00	10.98	0.00
17	Y	James Barbour	17'7			0.00	02/01/21	12/31/21	10.98	Y	15.00	0.00	0.00	10.98
18						0.00			0.00		XX.XX	0.00	0.00	0.00
19						0.00			0.00		XX.XX	0.00	0.00	0.00

### JCG WORKSHEET: Sheet 2

As soon as Columns P, Q, R, and S auto-populate, Sheet 2 automatically calculated the figures that will need to be entered into the **EZ Application System**. Column C lists the values to be entered into the EZ-JCG fields online.

Values to be Entered in Form EZ-JCG		
New Job Creation	Total Value	Form Reference
# of all equivalent PFTP filled by the firm during the BASE year	5.05	Part II., 4.A.
# of all equivalent PFTP filled by the firm during the GRANT year	13.47	Part II., 4.B.
New eligible PFTP filled in grant year earning at least 200% of the federal minimum wage and health benefits	5.48	Part II., 5.E.
New eligible PFTP filled in grant year earning at least 175% of the federal minimum wage (but less than 200%) and health benefits	0.16	Part II., 5.F.

When printing a hard copy of the JCG/JCG-HUA Worksheet for your grant documentation files, follow the formatting and printing instructions specified on third tab of the worksheet.



## EZ-JCG FIELDS: BACKGROUND & QUALIFYING INFO SUBMITTED IN SYSTEM

### PART I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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1. Business Firm Legal Name <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	2. Trading name, if different than Legal Name <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	3. Date Bus. Began Operation in Zone <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)	
4. Federal Employment ID# (FEIN) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	5. Activity # (First three digits of the NAICS. See Instruction Manual) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
6. Physical Address of Zone Establishment <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	City/County/Town <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Zipcode <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
7. Type of Application <input type="radio"/> Standard <input type="radio"/> High Unemployment Area (HUA)	8. Type of Job Creation Made by the Applicant <input type="radio"/> Expansion of an existing firm <input type="radio"/> New firm (start up) <input type="radio"/> Relocation of a firm from outside Virginia <input type="radio"/> Relocation and expansion of a firm within Virginia <small>Note: Firms are not eligible to apply for the JCG if simultaneously closing a facility in Virginia.</small>		
9. If applicable, Federal Employment ID# (FEIN) of Parent Company <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	10. If the Firm is Subsidiary, Name of the Parent Company <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
11. Zone Name <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	12. Zone # <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	13. Zone Designation Date <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	14. Name of Local Zone Administrator <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
15. Must upload Local Zone Administrator Review in Part VI. Check to confirm the LZA Review document is signed and uploaded. <input type="checkbox"/>			

1. **Business Firm's Legal Name:** *Indicate the applicant's legal business name.*
2. **Trading Name:** *Indicate the applicant's trading name, if different than its legal name.*
3. **Date Business Began Operation in Zone:** *Indicate the month, day, and year the applicant started operating its business at the zone establishment.*
4. **FEIN/SSN :** The FEIN/SSN provided with the application is used to track the qualified investors and to disburse all grant funds.
  - **"FEIN":** If the applicant is an S Corp, LLC, Partnership, Corporation, Sole Proprietorship, or other business entity, indicate the applicant's Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN).
  - **"SSN":** If the applicant is an individual, indicate the applicant's Social Security Number (SSN).
5. **Activity #:** *Indicate the three-digit activity number that applies to the applicant's business type.*  
 A [chart of activity numbers](#) is located on Pages 27-29. If your firm's activity number is highlighted in red in the chart, your firm or specific positions at your firm are ineligible for JCG. These positions include:
  - Food & Beverage (**NAICS 722**), Retail (**NAICS 44-45**), Personal Services (**NAICS 812**)
  - Units of Local, State, or Federal Government (**Typically FEIN 746**)
6. **Physical Address of Zone Establishment:** *Indicate the physical location of the applicant's business operation. This establishment must be located within the boundaries of an Enterprise Zone. Contact the [Local Zone Administrator](#) for verification of zone location.*
7. **Check the type of application.** *If an HUA applicant, be sure the JCG-HUA Worksheet was utilized.*

**8. Check the type of job creation made by the applicant:**

For applicants selecting “Relocation and expansion of firm within Virginia,” make sure the positions are not restricted from the Job Creation Grant, as specified in the Employment Requirements section on Pages 7-8.

**9-10. FEIN of Parent Company and if Firm is Subsidiary, Name of Parent Company:** *If the business firm is a subsidiary, list the FEIN (#9) and the name of the Parent Company (#10).*

**11-13. Zone Name, Zone #, Zone Designation Date:** *Indicate the Enterprise Zone in which the business is located.* Zone names, zone numbers and designation dates are available on the [EZ Online Submission System](https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/) site at <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/>.

**14. Name of Local Zone Administrator:** *State the name of the Local Zone Administrator (LZA).* LZA contact information is available at <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/>.

**15. LZA Verification:** The Local Zone Administrator Review document must be signed and uploaded in Part VI. Check the corresponding box to confirm that it is uploaded.

**PART II: QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

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In order to calculate the number of grant eligible employees and determine the applicable grant amount, please complete the **JCG Worksheet** prior to completing this section. Values from the **JCG Worksheet** are used to complete #4 and #5 below (indicated in italics below).

1. Grant is requested for calendar year  (YYYY).      2. Check year of qualification.  YR 1  YR 2  YR 3  YR 4  YR 5

3. Base Calendar year used by the business firm  (YYYY). *This base year remains the same for the five years of qualification.*

4. **New Job Creation** (Note: PFTP=Permanent full-time position.)  
**All documented jobs must exclude positions in retail, food and beverage, and personal service.**

A. # of all equivalent PFTP filled by the firm during the BASE year. (Sheet 2 of JCG Worksheet, Cell B3)      A

B. # of all equivalent PFTP filled by the firm during the GRANT year. (Sheet 2 of JCG Worksheet, Cell B4)      B

C. Increase in the # of equivalent PFTP created over the base year. Subtract line (A) from line (B).      C

D. New jobs created over four net new job threshold. Subtract 4 from line (C).      D   
*Note: If line (C) is equal to or less than 4, the firm will not qualify for job creation grants.*

**Base Year Employment is a static number, and should remain the same for each year in the firm's five-year grant period.**

Auto-calculated on the online application based on values entered in 4A - B.

Auto-calculated on the online application based on values entered in 5E - F.

5. **Grant Eligible Employees**

E. New eligible PFTP filled in grant year earning at least 200% of the Federal minimum wage and offered health care benefits.  
 \* List total new grant year equivalent PFTP indicated on JCG worksheet (B5) meeting this requirement.      E

F. Net new eligible PFTP filled in grant year earning at least 175% of the Federal minimum wage (but less than 200%) and offered health care benefits.  
 \* List total new grant year equivalent PFTP indicated on JCG worksheet (B6) meeting this requirement.      F

G. Number of new grant year PFTP meeting wage and health benefits requirements.  
 \* Add lines (E) and (F)      G

1. **Grant Year:** *Enter the calendar year for which the grant is requested.*
2. **Qualification Year:** *Enter the qualification year (1 -5) for which the grant is requested.*
3. **Base Year:** *Determine the [base year](#) from which the business firm is claiming an increase in employment.*
  - Firms may use **either of the two calendar years immediately preceding its first year of grant** eligibility as the base year. This allows a business the discretion to select a base year with lower employment to maximize grant benefits.
  - Companies new to Virginia within the past two years will have a **base year employment of zero**.
  - Please see [Appendix A](#) for instructions on how to qualify for a subsequent five-year grant period.
4. **Grant Eligible Positions:** *Determine the [base year](#) for which the business firm is claiming an increase in employment.*
  - Boxes 4A & 4B should be populated with the figures provided on Sheet 2 of the Job Creation Worksheet (excel) in cells B3 & B4.
  - Box 4C must be greater than 4 to qualify for a grant.
5. **Grant Eligible Employees:** *Determine which new positions meet the wage requirements for each grant level.*
  - Boxes 5E & 5F should be populated with the figures provided on Sheet 2 of the Job Creation Worksheet (excel) in cells B5 & B6.

## CALCULATION OF GRANT AWARDS

**When Box 4D is greater than Box 5G...** Use numbers in Boxes E and F to calculate the grant amounts in Boxes 6A and 6B.

**When Box 4D is less than Box 5G....**

If Box E = 0: Multiply Box D by \$500 and enter total in Box 6B and "0" in Box 6A.

If Box F = 0: Multiply Box D by \$800 and enter total in Box 6A and "0" in Box 6B.

If values in both Boxes E and F:

- If Box E is less than D, multiply Box E by \$800 and enter total in Box 6A. Then subtract Box E from Box D and multiply by \$500, and enter total in Box 6B.
- If Box E is greater than Box D, multiply Box D by \$800 and enter total in Box 6A, and "0" in Box 6B

**When Box 4D or Box 5G are greater than 350...**

If the number of grant eligible positions is greater than 350: Follow the calculation instructions described above. However, during the review process, DHCD will adjust the calculations to take the 350-job cap into consideration. Grants will be awarded for eligible positions at the higher grant level first.

<b>6. Grant Requests</b>	
A. Requested JCG award for PFTP earning at least 200% of Federal minimum wage and offered health care benefits. * Using above procedures, multiply appropriate number by \$800.	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
B. Requested JCG award for PFTP earning at least 175% of Federal minimum wage (but less than 200% of the Federal minimum wage) and offered health care benefits. * Using above procedures, multiply appropriate number by \$500.	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
C. Tot: * Add lines (A) and (B).	> <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
7. I used DHCD's JCG Worksheet template to complete this application. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
8. I have reviewed the CPA Attestation Report and corrected any deficiencies noted by the report. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Exempt	
9. I have NOT used an average wage or final wage to represent the annual wage rate of an employee. <input type="checkbox"/>	

Boxes 6A - C are all auto-calculated on the online application.

## UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

### PART III: CPA CONTACT INFORMATION

The email address is **required** as applicants will receive email confirmations/updates throughout the application submission and review

The business firm representative provides contact information for the grant applicant representative and his/her mailing address as well as contact information for the CPA who prepared the Attestation Report in this section.

PART III: CONTACT INFORMATION				
1. Name of Grant Applicant Representative		Title	Daytime Phone #	E-mail Address
▼	First: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	Last: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>
Principal Mailing Address (grant correspondence is mailed to)		City	State	Zip Code
<input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	VA ▼	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
2. Certified Public Accountant (preparer of required Attestation Report)				
Name of Certified Public Accountant		VA License #	Daytime Phone #	E-mail Address
<input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>
3. Accounting Firm		Address	City	State Zip Code
<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	VA ▼ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>

## PART IV: DECLARATION

The Applicant Declaration Form must be signed and dated by a representative of the business firm that has made the management decisions necessary to complete the application and has reviewed the application and required attachments for accuracy and completion. The Applicant Declaration Form must be uploaded in PART VI of the portal submission system. Check the box in PART IV to confirm that the document has been uploaded.

### PART IV: DECLARATION

1. Must upload Applicant Declaration Form in Part VI. Check to confirm the form is uploaded.

## PART V: COMMENTS

The applicant may enter any additional information or notes in this section.

### PART V: COMMENTS

Please enter your notes here:

## SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

When applicable, supplemental forms must be uploaded in PART VI of the Portal Submission System in addition to the required application materials. ALL uploaded documents must be uploaded separately (one PDF with all of the documents will NOT be accepted). Password protected documents will NOT be accepted.

### PART VI: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*\* Password protected documents will NOT be accepted. All documents must be uploaded separately (one PDF with all of the documents will NOT be accepted).*

#### Applicant Declaration Form

Choose File No file chosen

#### JCG Worksheet Sheets - PDF version

Choose File No file chosen

#### JCG Worksheet Sheets - Excel version

Choose File No file chosen

#### CPA Attestation Report Form (If Not Exempt)

Choose File No file chosen

#### COV Form W-9 (Required in this format)

Choose File No file chosen


#### LZA Review

Choose File No file chosen

#### Additional Information

Choose File No file chosen

## W-9

 A **completed Commonwealth of Virginia Form W-9** form must be submitted with each grant application in PART VI of the JCG page of the Portal Submission System. The FEIN or SSN listed in PART I must match the FEIN or SSN on the W-9. A blank W-9 form can be found here:

[https://www.doa.virginia.gov/forms/CVG/W9\\_COVSubstitute.pdf](https://www.doa.virginia.gov/forms/CVG/W9_COVSubstitute.pdf). Federal Form W-9 will NOT be accepted.

## CPA ATTESTATION REPORT

As required by statute, a CPA must perform an attestation following the [Agreed-Upon Procedures](#) outlined by DHCD. The CPA must be [independent](#) of the Qualified Zone Investor and licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CPA Attestation Report (RPIG and JCG)	
<a href="#">CPA Sample Engagement Letter</a>	Sample engagement letter for CPA to provide to client
<a href="#">CPA Agreed Upon Procedures Manual (RPIG and JCG)</a>	Includes information regarding procedures for each grant
<a href="#">Guidance on CPA Attestation Report Format and Documentation of Findings</a>	Includes information on appropriate description of CPA's findings
<a href="#">Real Property Investment Grant Attestation Report Form</a>	Required in prescribed format
<a href="#">Job Creation Grant Attestation Report Form</a>	Required in prescribed format

The CPA will test the documentation and calculations used to prepare the Job Creation Grant application and will report on these procedures and their findings in the Attestation Report. This report is to be signed by the CPA and uploaded and submitted electronically to DHCD by **April 1, 2022**.

Contact your CPA to find out if they are able to fulfill the attestation requirements for the Job Creation Grant application. All CPAs should know if they are able to perform agreed upon procedures.

These procedures and additional information is available on the EZ Online Submission System site at:

<https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/EZonePortal/cpas.aspx>.

**CPA Attestation Exemption:** As provided in §59.1-547 of the Code of Virginia, business firms with base year employment of 100 or fewer permanent full-time positions that create 25 or fewer grant eligible positions **are** exempt from the attestation requirement for that qualification year. If a firm is exempt from the Attestation Report, the firm must submit the Job Creation Worksheet with their application (regardless of qualification year). **The JCG Worksheet must be completed each year the firm seeks qualification for the JCG, regardless of whether the Attestation Report is required.**

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**Can my CPA prepare the application, accompanying materials (worksheets), and attest?**

*Professional standards (AICPA) provide that a CPA can offer assistance provided the CPA does not assume management responsibilities, such as making management decisions or performing management functions. The decision to follow any advice provided remains with management of the entity.*

## Taxability of Grants

Under IRS regulations, grant awards may be considered taxable income. A 1099 will be issued to all EZ grantees for the grant awards received. For tax-related questions, please contact your tax professional for guidance.

Note: If a grant applicant has any type of outstanding liability to the State (such as an outstanding tax liability), the awarded grant amount will be reduced by the dollar amount of the liability. DHCD does not have records of potential liabilities as this process is handled outside the agency. **If you receive a grant award that is less than the amount noted in the qualification letter, please call the Department of Accounts at (804) 371-8383.**

### Record Keeping Requirements

The Department may at any time review an applicant's records related to qualification under this section to assure that information provided in the application process is accurate. Qualified Zone Investors shall maintain all documentation regarding JCG qualification for a minimum of three years following the receipt of the grant. Grants that do not have adequate documentation regarding qualified real property investments may be subject to repayment.

**All JCG grantees are monitored for their first grant year.** Job Creation Grants that do not have adequate documentation regarding permanent full-time positions, [report to work](#) criteria, wage rates, or the provision of health benefits may be subject to repayment. The digital version along with a hard copy print out must be kept on file with other grant request records.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**If you have any questions about qualifying for the Enterprise Zone grants or other aspects of the program, please contact:**

**Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development**  
600 E. Main Street, Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
(804) 371-7171

[EZONE@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:EZONE@dhcd.virginia.gov)  
[www.dhcd.virginia.gov](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov)

## APPENDIX A

### A. Requesting a Second or Subsequent five-year Job Creation Grant Period

Business firms who have finished their first 5-year incentive period may qualify for a [subsequent grant period](#) provided that they are still creating new jobs eligible to receive Job Creation Grants.

If a second or subsequent five-year grant period is requested within two years after the previous five-year grant period, the subsequent base year will be the last grant year.

If a business firm applies for a subsequent five-year grant period beyond the two years immediately following the completion of the previous five-year grant period, the business firm shall use one of the two preceding calendar years as subsequent base year, at the choice of the business firm.



## GLOSSARY: DEFINITIONS FOR JOB CREATION GRANTS

**Agreed upon procedures engagement:**

Means an engagement between an independent Certified Public Accountant licensed by the Commonwealth and the business or qualified zone investor seeking to qualify for Enterprise Zone incentive grants whereby the independent Certified Public Accountant, using procedures specified by the Department, will test and report on the assertion of the business or qualified zone investor as to their qualification to receive the Enterprise Zone incentive pursuant to 59.1-549 of the Code of Virginia.

**Base year, for wage-based Job Creation Grants:**

Means either of the two calendar years immediately preceding a business firm's first year of grant eligibility, at the choice of the business firm.

**Bonus:**

Means a payment made in addition to the employee's regular earnings.

**Business firm:**

Means any corporation, partnership, electing small business (subchapter S) corporation, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This shall also include business and professional organizations and associations whose classification falls under sectors 813910 and 813910 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and that generate the majority of their revenue from customers outside the Commonwealth.

**Commission:**

Means the compensation paid to an employee after completing a task, which is usually selling a certain amount of goods or services.

**Common control:**

Means such firms as defined by Internal Revenue Code § 52(b).

**Federal Minimum Wage (FMW):**

Means the minimum wage standard as currently defined by the United States Department of Labor in the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29, U.S.C. 201 et seq. Such definition applies to permanent full-time employees paid on an hourly or wage basis.

**Food and beverage service:**

Means a business whose classification falls under subsector 722 Food Services and Drinking Places of North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS).

**Full month:**

Means the number of days that the permanent full-time position must be filled in order to count in the calculation of the grant amount. A full month is equivalent to 30.416666 days.

**Grant-eligible position:**

Means a new permanent full-time position created above the threshold number at an eligible business firm. Positions in retail, personal service or food and beverage service shall not be grant eligible positions.

**Health benefits:**

Means that at a minimum, medical insurance is offered to employees and the employer shall offer to pay at least 50 percent of the cost of the premium at the time of employment and annually thereafter.

**High Unemployment Areas (HUA):**

Means Enterprise Zone localities with unemployment rates one and one-half times or more than state average based on the most recent annualized unemployment data published by the Virginia Employment Commission.

**Independent Certified Public Accountant:**

Means a public accountant certified and licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia who is not an employee of the business firm seeking to qualify for grants under this Program.

**Local Zone Administrator:**

Means the chief executive of the city or county in which an Enterprise Zone is located, or his or her designee. Pursuant to Enterprise Zone designations made prior to July 1, 2005, this shall include towns.

**Permanent full-time position:**

Means a job of indefinite duration at a business firm located in an enterprise zone, requiring the employee to [report to work](#) within an enterprise zone; and requiring (i) a minimum of 35 hours of an employee's time per week for the entire normal year of a business firm's operation, which a normal year must consist of 48 weeks, (ii) a minimum of 35 hours of an employee's time per week for the portion of the calendar year in which the employee was initially hired for or transferred to the business firm, or (iii) a minimum of 1,680 hours per year. Such positions shall not include: (i) seasonal, temporary, or contract positions, (ii) a position created when a job function is shifted from an existing location in the Commonwealth to a business firm located with an enterprise zone, (iii) any position that previously existed in the Commonwealth, or (iv) positions created by a business that is simultaneously closing facilities in other areas of the Commonwealth.

**Personal Service:**

Means such positions as classified under NAICS 812.

**Regular basis:**

Means at least once a month as related to "[report to work](#)" requirements for the wage-based job creation grants.

**Related party:**

Means those as defined by Internal Revenue Code § 267(b).

**Report to work:**

Means that the employee filling a permanent full-time position reports to the business' zone establishment on a [regular basis](#).

**Retail:**

Means a business whose classification falls under sector 44-45 Retail Trade of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

**Seasonal employee:**

Means any employee who normally works on a full-time basis and whose customary annual employment is less than nine months. For example, individuals hired by a CPA firm during the tax return season in order to process returns who work full-time over a three month period are seasonal employees.

**Subsequent base year:**

Means the base year for calculating the number of grant eligible positions in a second or subsequent five consecutive calendar year grant period. If a second or subsequent five-year grant period is requested within two years after the previous five-year grant period, the subsequent base year will be the firm's last grant year. The calculation of this subsequent base year employment will be determined by the number of permanent full-time positions in the preceding base year, plus the number of threshold positions, plus the number of grant eligible positions in the final year of the previous grant period. If a business firm applies for a subsequent five-consecutive-year grant period beyond the two years immediately following the completion of the previous five-year grant period, the business firm shall use one of the two preceding calendar years as subsequent base year, at the choice of the business firm.

**Threshold number:**

Means an increase of four permanent full-time positions over the number of permanent full-time positions in the base year or subsequent base year.

**Transferred employee:**

Means an employee of a firm in Virginia that is relocated to an enterprise zone facility owned or operated by that firm.

**Wage rate:**

Means the hourly wage paid to an employee inclusive of shift premiums and commissions. In the case of salaried employees, the hourly wage rate shall be determined by dividing the annual salary, inclusive of shift premiums and commissions by 1,820 hours. Bonuses, overtime, and tips are not to be included in the determination of wage rate.

## CHART OF ACTIVITY NUMBERS

<b>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>111</u>	Crop Production
<u>112</u>	Animal Production
<u>113</u>	Forestry and Logging
<u>114</u>	Fishing, Hunting and Trapping
<u>115</u>	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry
<b>Mining</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>211</u>	Oil and Gas Extraction
<u>212</u>	Mining (except Oil and Gas)
<u>213</u>	Support Activities for Mining
<b>Utilities</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>221</u>	Utilities
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>236</u>	Building, Developing, and General Contracting
<u>237</u>	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
<u>238</u>	Special Trade Contractors
<b>Manufacturing</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>311</u>	Food Manufacturing
<u>312</u>	Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing
<u>313</u>	Textile Mills
<u>314</u>	Textile Product Mills
<u>315</u>	Apparel Manufacturing
<u>316</u>	Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing
<u>321</u>	Wood Product Manufacturing
<u>322</u>	Paper Manufacturing
<u>323</u>	Printing and Related Support Activities
<u>324</u>	Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing
<u>325</u>	Chemical Manufacturing
<u>326</u>	Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing
<u>327</u>	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing
<u>331</u>	Primary Metal Manufacturing
<u>332</u>	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
<u>333</u>	Machinery Manufacturing
<u>334</u>	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing
<u>335</u>	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing
<u>336</u>	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
<u>337</u>	Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing
<u>339</u>	Miscellaneous Manufacturing

<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>423</u>	Wholesale Trade, Durable Goods
<u>424</u>	Wholesale Trade, Nondurable Goods
<b>425</b>	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers
<b>Retail Trade – PROHIBITED FROM APPLYING FOR JOB CREATION GRANTS</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>441</u>	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers
<u>442</u>	Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores
<u>443</u>	Electronics and Appliance Stores
<u>444</u>	Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers
<u>445</u>	Food and Beverage Stores
<u>446</u>	Health and Personal Care Stores
<u>447</u>	Gasoline Stations
<u>448</u>	Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores
<u>451</u>	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores
<u>452</u>	General Merchandise Stores
<u>453</u>	Miscellaneous Store Retailers
<u>454</u>	Nonstore Retailers
<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>481</u>	Air Transportation
<u>482</u>	Rail Transportation
<u>483</u>	Water Transportation
<u>484</u>	Truck Transportation
<u>485</u>	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation
<u>486</u>	Pipeline Transportation
<u>487</u>	Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation
<u>488</u>	Support Activities for Transportation
<u>491</u>	Postal Service
<u>492</u>	Couriers and Messengers
<u>493</u>	Warehousing and Storage
<b>Information</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>511</u>	Publishing Industries
<u>512</u>	Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries
<u>515</u>	Broadcasting and Telecommunications
<b>517</b>	Telecommunications
<u>518</u>	Data Processing Services, Hosting, and Related Services
<b>519</b>	Other Information Services
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>521</u>	Monetary Authorities - Central Bank
<u>522</u>	Credit Intermediation and Related Activities
<u>523</u>	Securities, Commodity Contracts, Other Financial Investments and Related Activities
<u>524</u>	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities
<u>525</u>	Funds, Trusts, and Other Financial Vehicles

<b>Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>531</u>	Real Estate
<u>532</u>	Rental and Leasing Services
<u>533</u>	Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except Copyright)
<b>Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>541</u>	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>551</u>	Management of Companies and Enterprises
<b>Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>561</u>	Administrative and Support Services
<u>562</u>	Waste Management and Remediation Services
<b>Educational Services</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>611</u>	Educational Services
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>621</u>	Ambulatory Health Care Services
<u>622</u>	Hospitals
<u>623</u>	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
<u>624</u>	Social Assistance
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>711</u>	Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related Industries
<u>712</u>	Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions
<u>713</u>	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>721</u>	Accommodation
<u>722</u>	<b>Food Services and Drinking Places-- PROHIBITED FROM APPLYING FOR JOB CREATION GRANTS</b>
<b>Other Services (except Public Administration)</b>	
<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Subsector Description</b>
<u>811</u>	Repair and Maintenance
<u>812</u>	<b>Personal and Laundry Services—PROHIBITED FROM APPLYING FOR THE JOB CREATION GRANT</b>
<u>813</u>	Religious, Grant making, Civic, Professional, and Similar
<u>814</u>	Private Households