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can qualify for the employee retention credit.

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The IRS is sending out a scam alert to business owners regarding a pandemic-related employee retention credit that's getting some nefarious attention from marketing fraudsters.

Calling it a "barrage of aggressive broadcast advertising, direct mail solicitations and online promotions," the IRS says promoters are "wildly misrepresenting and

exaggerating who can qualify for the credits.”

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pandemic. Businesses also could have suffered from “a significant decline in gross receipts during the eligibility periods.”

The credit is not available to individuals.

The IRS encourages anyone who is being pushed into applying for credit to report it to the agency. To do so, there's a [form to fill out](#) and should be mailed to the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Lead Development Center  
Stop MS5040  
24000 Avila Road, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-3405

The form can also be faxed to 877-477-9135.

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