Federal Startup Plan Tax Credits

Most small businesses do not offer a retirement plan and Americans are behind on saving. Congress enhanced tax credits in 2023 to incentivize small businesses to offer a retirement plan, enroll their employees and help close the retirement coverage gap in America.

There are three credits available to eligible startup Plans with less than 100 employees in 2023.

1ST CREDIT: PLAN EXPENSE TAX CREDIT

- \$250 per eligible employee up to \$5,000.
- This credit may be used to offset any billable plan expenses.
- Applies for the first three plan years.

2ND CREDIT: AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT CREDIT

- Startup plans that automatically enroll their employees will receive an additional \$500.
- Applies for the first three plan years.

3RD CREDIT: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION CREDIT

• Employers who make a company match or contribution will receive up to \$1,000 per eligible employee. This credit is tiered for the first five plan years.