

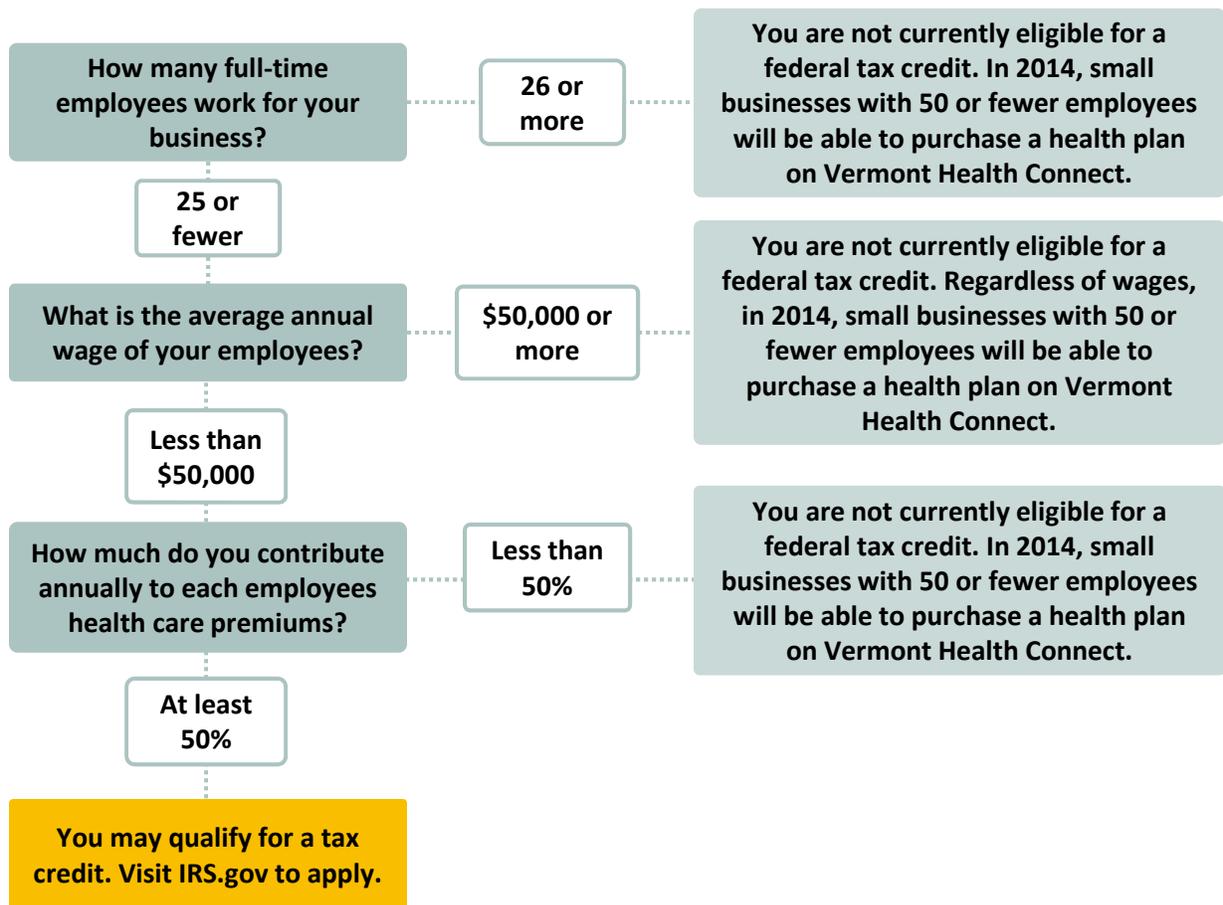


Vermont Health Connect will be a marketplace where individuals, families and small businesses in Vermont can compare health plans and select one that fits their needs and budget. Starting in 2014, small businesses with 50 employees or fewer who offer coverage to their employees will use Vermont Health Connect. In 2016, small businesses with 100 or fewer employees will be able to offer coverage for their employees through Vermont Health Connect.

Small Business Tax Credits

Today, small businesses with 25 or fewer employees who currently offer health coverage may already qualify for a federal tax credit. The tax credit is currently worth up to 35 percent of premium costs in 2010 (up to 25 percent for tax-exempt employers). In 2014, the tax credit will be worth up to 50 percent (up to 35 percent for tax-exempt employers).

Find out if your small business already qualifies for a tax credit:



*Visit IRS.gov or contact your tax preparer for more information