FTD COMPLIANCE CARD — Child Tax Credit Calculator

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HOW TO USE THIS CARD FOR §10.36 COMPLIANCE

OPR Alert 2026-19 (June 24, 2026) requires firms to vet third-party tools and document that vetting under Circular 230 §10.36. To satisfy this requirement using this card:

1. Print or save this PDF. Date your review in the space provided at the bottom of this card.
2. Add this card to your firm's AI tool inventory or WISP third-party provider list.
3. Before first use with any client matter, verify that the credit amounts and thresholds in Element 3 match current IRS.gov content by following the verification steps in that element.
4. Document that verification with the date and your initials.
5. Your completed card constitutes the §10.36 vetting documentation for this tool.

ELEMENT 1 — TOOL IDENTIFICATION

Tool name / version
Child Tax Credit Calculator, version 1.0

FTD issue date
2026-09-25

Most recent update
2026-09-25

Last verified against source
2026-09-25

Governing authority
IRC §24 as amended by Pub. L. 119-21 §70104; IRC §152 (through the Dependent Eligibility Calculator); Instructions for Schedule 8812 (Form 1040) (2025); Schedule 8812 (Form 1040) 2025, Part I; Rev. Proc. 2025-32 §4.05

Figures source
Per-child credit $2,200 and refundable cap $1,700 for tax years 2025 and 2026: IRC §24(h)(2) and (h)(5) as amended by Pub. L. 119-21 §70104, indexed by §24(i); 2026 figures from Rev. Proc. 2025-32 §4.05 (irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-25-32.pdf). Fixed in the statute, not indexed: the $500 credit for other dependents (§24(h)(4)(A)), the $400,000 joint / $200,000 other thresholds (§24(h)(3)), and the $50 reduction per $1,000 (§24(b)(1)). Read 2026-09-25.

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Note: Rev. Proc. 2025-32 leaves the 2026 per-child credit at $2,200 (the §24(i) increase rounds down when it is under $100) and the refundable cap at $1,700. No 2026 Schedule 8812 was published on 2026-09-25, so the tax year 2026 phase-out steps cite the 2025 form applied to tax year 2026.

ELEMENT 2 — WHAT THIS TOOL DOES

The Child Tax Credit Calculator decides, for one child, whether the user can claim the child tax credit or the credit for other dependents under IRC §24, using the Dependent Eligibility Calculator's §152 tests and adding the §24 tests: under age 17 at year end (§24(c)(1)), the Canada and Mexico residents rule (§24(c)(2)), the Social Security number rules for the child and for the filer (§24(h)(7)), and the filer TIN rule (§24(e)). A second part runs Schedule 8812 Part I, lines 1 through 12, to apply the income phase-out, with each line shown and cited.

Inputs
Every input of the Dependent Eligibility Calculator; the kind of identification number the child, the user, and a spouse hold; whether the user files jointly; and, for the phase-out, filing status, adjusted gross income, excluded foreign and possession income, and the number of qualifying children and other dependents. No taxpayer-identifying information.

Output
Which credit applies (child tax credit, credit for other dependents, or neither) and why, each test with its citation, Schedule 8812 lines 1 through 12 with values, a link to the tie-breaker where two people can claim the

child, a list of what the tool does not model, and a plain-text version of the result.

What this tool IS

This tool produces a credit-eligibility and phase-out reference. Every result shows each test and each Schedule 8812 line with its citation.

What this tool IS NOT

This tool does not produce tax advice, legal advice, or written advice subject to Circular 230 §10.37. It does not compute the credit allowed after the limit based on tax, or the refundable additional child tax credit. The practitioner retains full professional responsibility for all conclusions presented to clients.

ELEMENT 3 — ACCURACY AND VERIFICATION

Primary sources

IRC §24(a), (b)(1), (c)(1)–(2), (e), (h)(2)–(5), (h)(7), (i), as amended by Pub. L. 119-21 §70104 (applies to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2024, per §70104(f)); Instructions for Schedule 8812 (Form 1040) (2025); Schedule 8812 (Form 1040) 2025, Part I lines 1–12; Rev. Proc. 2025-32 §4.05.

Test fixtures

Schedule 8812 instructions (2025) Example 1 and Example 2, and the line 10 rounding examples printed on the 2025 form.

How to verify the credit

1. Open the current Instructions for Schedule 8812 at irs.gov/instructions/i1040s8 and confirm the per-child amount, the $500 credit for other dependents, and the $400,000 / $200,000 thresholds.
2. For tax year 2026, open Rev. Proc. 2025-32 at irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-25-32.pdf and confirm §4.05's maximum credit and refundable amount.
3. Re-run Example 1 or Example 2 from the Schedule 8812 instructions in the tool and compare the result.
4. Compare the tool's lines 1 through 12 to a hand-completed Schedule 8812 Part I for the same inputs.

Known limitations — KNOWN FAILURE MODES

- The limit based on tax (Schedule 8812 lines 13–14, Credit Limit Worksheets A and B) and the additional child tax credit (Part II) are not computed. The result stops at line 12.
- The §24(g) disallowance periods after an improper claim (Form 8862), the §24(f) full-taxable-year rule, and the §24(k) possessions rules are not modeled.
- Everything the Dependent Eligibility Calculator leaves to the user (support arithmetic, residency day counts, custody findings) is also left to the user here.
- Tax year 2026 phase-out steps cite the 2025 Schedule 8812 because no 2026 form was published on the last-verified date.

ELEMENT 4 — DATA HANDLING

This tool does not ask for names, Social Security numbers, or addresses: it asks yes-or-no questions, ages, and amounts. FTD does not store tax return information from this tool. When you use it in your browser, the tool sends none of it to FTD's servers, and a tax professional who uses it for a client needs no §7216 consent for that use. Do not enter taxpayer-identifying information.

Short version: FTD's code keeps your entries in your browser. The email form sends your result, which can include your entries, out of your browser. A program from another company that runs on the page can also read what the page shows (see Analytics and other scripts). If you are a tax professional using this for a client, check that §7216 and your engagement terms allow emailing the result before you send it.

In your browser: this tool runs in your web browser. FTD's servers do not receive the answers and amounts you enter, and FTD does not log or store what you enter.

Analytics and other scripts: FTD's pages send usage events to two analytics services, Plausible and Google Analytics. The events record the page address and what you do on the page: that the tool opened, that a calculation ran, and actions such as copying or emailing a result. None of these events carries an amount, date, name, or text you enter. Google Analytics also runs its own standard page measurement, which FTD controls in Google's dashboard, not in its page code. The pages also load Grow by Mediavine, a program from another company that adds reader features to the page. FTD's code sends it nothing you enter, but it runs inside the page, so it can read the page and its address, and FTD's code cannot limit what it reads.

If you email a result: the "Email me this result" form sends three things to the program on FTD's web host that sends FTD's email: the email address you type, the tool's name, and the result text. The result text is a plain-text copy of the result, which can include what you entered. That program passes all three to Resend, the company that delivers FTD's email. FTD's code does not log or save the result text. To limit repeat sends, the program keeps the email address and a send count in its working memory and does not write them to disk or to a database. The count resets after 15 minutes, but FTD's code does not erase the address on a timer: it stays in memory until FTD's web host, Netlify, restarts that program. Resend's own terms, not FTD's code, govern what Resend keeps.

ELEMENT 5 — CIRCULAR 230 / SSTS 1.4 COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This tool is designed for use by tax practitioners subject to Circular 230, and individual taxpayers can use it for their own returns. Use of this tool does not satisfy the practitioner's obligation to exercise due diligence under Circular 230 §10.22 or to possess technological competence under Circular 230 §10.35. The practitioner must independently verify tool outputs before relying on them in client matters or submissions to the IRS. OPR Alert 2026-19 (June 24, 2026) confirms that practitioners may not delegate professional judgment to software tools.

ELEMENT 6 — TOOL CLASSIFICATION

TOOL CLASSIFICATION: This tool is a deterministic rules and calculation engine, not a generative AI tool. Given the same answers, amounts, and tax year, it always returns the same result. It does not generate, infer, or predict outputs. The practitioner retains full obligation to exercise appropriate judgment and verify outputs before relying on them in client matters.

ELEMENT 7 — UPDATE AND CORRECTION LOG

Table A — Version History

Date	Version	Change Description	Trigger
2026-09-25	v1.0	Initial card for the Child Tax Credit Calculator (tool live since 2026-09-25). Data handling from the shared source, lib/data-handling.js.	The tool had no compliance card

Table B — Correction Log (OPS-002)

Date	Error Class	Description	Authority	Affected TCs
(no entries)				

Note: No corrections issued since this card's release on 2026-09-25.

FIRM ADOPTION RECORD

Tool reviewed and adopted by (practitioner name and credentials):

Firm name:

Date of initial review:

Credit amounts and thresholds verified against IRS.gov on:

Initials:

[ ] This card has been added to firm's §10.36 AI tool inventory.