

# Earned Income Tax Credit -- Are you eligible?



## **You Could You Be Eligible for a Bigger Refund? Discover the Benefits of EITC**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a benefit for working people with low to moderate income.

To qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund.

A third of Americans qualifying for EITC are newly eligible.

### **When Can I Expect My Refund?**

If you claim the earned income tax credit (EITC) or the additional child tax credit (ACTC) on your tax return, the IRS must hold your refund until mid-February — even

the portion not associated with EITC or ACTC. Find out more on [when to expect your refund](#).

After you file your return, the best way to track your refund is [Where's My Refund?](#) or the [IRS2Go mobile app](#).

## Who Qualifies

Do I Qualify for EITC?

To [qualify for EITC](#) you must have earned income from working for someone or from running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. And, you must either meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child or have a child that meets all the qualifying child rules for you.

## EITC Assistant

Use the [EITC Assistant](#) to see if you qualify for tax years: 2024, 2023, and 2022. The EITC Assistant helps you find out your filing status, if your child is a qualifying child, if you are eligible and estimate the amount of the EITC you may get.

## Income Limits and Table

See the [EITC Income Limits, Maximum Credit Amounts and Tax Law Updates](#) for the current year, previous years and the upcoming tax year.

## Claiming EITC

### [How Do I Claim EITC?](#)

You need to file a tax return to claim EITC. Find out:

- the documents you need
- the common errors to watch for
- the consequences of filing an EITC return with an error
- how to get help preparing your return
- what you need to do if your EITC was denied in a previous year
- how to claim the credit for earlier tax years

## Received a Notice

### [I Received a Letter from IRS about EITC, What Should I Do?](#)

The IRS sends letters about EITC that may:

- suggest you claim EITC if you do qualify
- ask you to send information to verify your EITC claim
- provide important information about your claim

This [letter/notice page](#) lets you know what you need to do if you receive a letter or notice from the IRS about EITC.

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