

TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

You may be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit refund of up to \$5,657.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal tax credit for certain *qualified workers and their families*. If you qualify, the EITC will reduce the amount of taxes you owe, if any. Depending on your earnings and family size, you could get a refund of up to \$5,657. You may qualify for the EITC if you are a US Citizen or qualified alien and meet the following income requirements for the 2009 calendar year:

Number of qualifying child:	Earned income less than:		Maximum Credit
	Single	Married filing jointly	
No qualifying child	\$13,440	\$18,440	\$457
1 qualifying child	\$35,463	\$40,463	\$3,043
2 qualifying children	\$40,295	\$45,295	\$5,028
3 or more qualifying children	\$43,279	\$48,279	\$5,657

For more information on whether you qualify for the EITC, including IRS Notice 797, ask your tax preparer, visit www.irs.gov/eitc, or call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-3676.*

How do I access the EITC?

If you qualify, you can claim the EITC when you file your federal income taxes. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a tax return to receive the EITC. Many EITC recipients receive tax refunds.

- **If you are doing your own taxes**, complete and submit form 1040 or 1040A. If you have a qualifying child, you must also fill in Schedule EIC and attach it to your return. These forms are available in the Federal Income Tax Return booklet and from www.irs.gov/.
- **If you have your taxes done by someone else**, ask to get the EITC refund you deserve.

Some qualified workers prefer to receive part of their EITC in paychecks throughout the year rather than waiting until tax time. For details about this Advance EITC option and to access the required W-5 form, refer to www.irs.gov/eitc or call (800) 829-3676.

You may also be eligible for the San Francisco Working Families Credit.

The San Francisco Working Families Credit (WFC) is a local program that encourages San Francisco working families to claim the EITC and other benefits. Families who earn less than \$48,300 in 2009 may receive a local credit worth up to \$125. Ask your tax preparer to help you apply for the WFC.

If you earned less than \$52,000 in 2009, you qualify for Free Tax Help.

Regardless of your family size, you qualify for free tax help if you earned less than \$52,000 in 2009. US Citizenship is NOT required to qualify for free tax help. IRS-certified tax preparers can help you get the refund you deserve at more than 100 free Bay Area sites. Call (800)-358-8832 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org to find a location near you.

*The Earned Income Tax Credit has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps, Low-Income Housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments.



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