

# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

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The Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC or EIC, is a benefit for working people with low- to moderate-income. To qualify, an individual must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if the individual does not owe any tax or is not required to file. EITC reduces the amount of tax a person owes and may entitle them to a refund.

## WHEN CAN I EXPECT MY REFUND?

If a person claims the earned income tax credit (EITC) or the additional child tax credit (ACTC) on their tax return, the IRS must hold their refund until mid-February — even the portion not associated with EITC or ACTC. Find out more by visiting the Internal Revenue Service website.

After a person files their return, the best way to track their refund is by visiting <https://www.irs.gov/refunds>.

## DO I QUALIFY FOR EITC?

To qualify for EITC, an individual must have earned income from working for someone or from running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. And, the person must either meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child



or have a child that meets all the qualifying child rules for the individual.

## EITC ASSISTANT

Individuals should use the EITC Assistant on the website to see if they qualify for tax years: 2016, 2015, and 2014. The EITC Assistant helps an individual find out their filing status, if the person's child is a qualifying child, if the individual is 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

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

- the documents needed
- the common errors to watch for
- the consequences of filing an EITC return with an error

- how to get help preparing your return
- what an individual needs to do if his or her EITC was denied in a previous year
- how to claim the credit for earlier tax years

## 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

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