

# 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. A tax credit usually means more money in your pocket. It reduces the amount of tax you owe. The EITC may also give you a refund.

To qualify for the EITC, you must be a US Citizen or qualified alien and meet the following income requirements for the 2010 calendar year:

Number of qualifying child:	Earned income less than:		Maximum Credit
	Single	Married filing jointly	
No qualifying child	\$13,460	\$18,470	\$457
1 qualifying child	\$35,535	\$40,545	\$3,050
2 qualifying children	\$40,363	\$45,373	\$5,036
3 or more qualifying children	\$43,352	\$48,362	\$5,666

For more information on whether you qualify for the EITC, including how to obtain the IRS Notice 797, ask your tax preparer, visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc), or call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-3676.<sup>1</sup>

### 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.

- **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/](http://www.irs.gov/).
- **If you have your taxes done by someone else**, ask to get the EITC refund.

## 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 \$49,000 in 2010 may receive a local credit worth up to \$125.<sup>2</sup> Ask your tax preparer to help you apply for the WFC.

### If you earned less than \$49,000 in 2010, you qualify for Free Tax Help.

Regardless of your family size, you qualify for free tax help if you earned less than \$49,000 in 2010. 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 200 free Bay Area sites. Call (800)-358-8832 or visit [www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org](http://www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org) to find a location near you.

<sup>1</sup> EITC 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.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the reduced budget for FY2011-2012, the WFC Program is subject to availability of funds. With the possibility that the City will restore the budget for the program, we encourage employees to apply.