



## You may be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit refund of up to \$4,824.

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 \$4,824. You may qualify for the EITC if you are a US Citizen or qualified alien and meet the following income requirements for the 2008 calendar year:

	Single	Married Filing Jointly
No qualifying child and income less than:	\$12,880	\$15,880
1 qualifying child and income less than:	\$33,995	\$36,995
More than 1 qualifying child and income less than:	\$38,646	\$41,646

For more information on whether you qualify for the EITC, including 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.



## 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, from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or (800) 829-3676.

**If you have your taxes done by someone else**, ask them to make sure you 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 the Advance EITC option and to access the required W-5 form, refer to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call (800) 829-3676.



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

If you qualify for the EITC, live in San Francisco, and have one or more qualifying children, you may qualify for a local version of the EITC. Ask your tax preparer to help you apply for the Working Families Credit.



## If you earned less than \$45,000 in 2008, you qualify for Free Tax Help. Call (800) 358-8832 to find a site near you.

Regardless of your family size, you qualify for free tax help if you earned less than \$45,000 in 2008. 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 1-800-358-8832 or visit [www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org](http://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.