

# EITC: YOU EARNED IT. CLAIM IT. IT'S YOUR MONEY!

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

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

If you qualify for the EITC, you have to file a tax return with the IRS, even if you owe no tax or are not required to file.

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.

To qualify, the amount of income you earned in 2017 must be less than:

- \$48,340 if filing taxes as Single, Head of Household or Widowed
- \$53,930 if filing taxes as Married Filing Jointly

The maximum amount of credit for Tax Year 2017 is \$6,318.

The amount depends on: whether you are single or married, if you have no children or the number of children you have and the amount you earned.



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