

# For help and more information



Visit a VITA site. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provides free help preparing and filing returns. To find a VITA center:

- call 1 800-906-9887
- visit the IRS website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)



To learn more about this and other tax credits for which you may be eligible, visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)



You may be eligible to file your own taxes for free! For more information, visit [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile)

## You may qualify for additional New York State tax credits

### *New York State Noncustodial Parent Earned Income Tax Credit*

You can claim this credit if you pay support pursuant to a court order for children who don't live with you.

You can claim this credit or the New York State EITC, but not both.

Calculate what you would receive under each credit and choose the one that's best for you.

### *Child and Dependent Care Credit*

If you pay for the care of a child or dependent adult so you can work, you may be eligible for this New York State tax credit.

For more information, see a VITA volunteer or visit [www.otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies](http://www.otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies)



## Earned Income Tax Credits

# Get all the credit you deserve with EITC



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# Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

Earned income tax credits (EITC) are for people who work and meet certain income guidelines. The amount of the credit varies, depending on your filing status, family's earned income, and the number of qualified children. You may get money back when you file your tax return, even if you don't owe any taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), New York State, and New York City all offer earned income tax credits.

## Are you eligible?

In order to qualify for any of the EITCs, you must meet certain requirements:

- earn wages from employment or self-employment;
- have a valid social security number (ITIN filers are not eligible to claim credits);
- have a qualifying child living with you for more than half the year, or, if you don't have a qualifying child, be at least 25 years of age and under age 65; and
- have investment income of \$3,400 or less.

## More good news

EITC money doesn't affect your eligibility for:

- Public Assistance
- SNAP benefits
- Supplemental Security Income
- Public housing
- Medicaid benefits

Find your status to see how much you may qualify for.

# You can help your family make ends meet.

## How to apply

You must file an income tax return in order to receive the credit, even if you don't owe any taxes. Electronic filing is the easiest way to file your return and the fastest way to get your refund. For free tax assistance visit [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/file/vita.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/file/vita.htm).

Number of Children	Maximum Income (Single or Head of Household)	Maximum Income (Married Filing Jointly)	EITC* (up to)
3+	\$47,955	\$53,505	\$8,463
2	\$44,648	\$50,198	\$7,522
1	\$39,296	\$44,846	\$4,554
0	\$14,880	\$20,430	\$683

\* Based on a combined total of maximum New York City, New York State, and federal credits.

