

Claim Your 2022 State and Federal Credits



IT'S YOUR MONEY You Earned It!

THE STATE AND FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS (EITCs) are special tax breaks for people who work full- or part-time. This means extra cash in your pocket. **If you have income from work, you can file your returns and claim your EITC refunds, even if you don't owe any income tax.** You can also file amended federal returns for the previous three years and amended state returns for the previous four years, if you did not claim your EITC or Child Tax Credit (CTC) in prior years. There is no late filing penalty if you do not owe any taxes in the prior years.

The EITC refunds are not counted as income when your CalWORKs, CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits are calculated. Ask your eligibility worker for more details.



CALIFORNIA EITC (CalEITC) requires filing your state tax return (form 540 2EZ or 540) and form FTB 3514. CalEITC is available for working individuals at least 18 years of age or older. The age limit does not apply if the individual has a qualifying child. Tax filers must have lived in California for at least six months of the tax year to qualify. **Starting in the 2020 tax year, CalEITC eligibility can be claimed by taxpayers who have either a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.**

2022 CalEITC Income Limits

Number of Qualifying Children	State EITC Income Limits	State EITC Maximum Credits
None	\$30,000	\$275
1	\$30,000	\$1,843
2	\$30,000	\$3,037
3 or more	\$30,000	\$3,417

FEDERAL EITC requires filing your federal tax return (form 1040EZ, 1040 or 1040A) and the Schedule Earned Income Credit. For the 2022 tax year only, filers must be at least 19 years old, but under 65 years old at the end of the tax year to qualify. The age limit does not apply if you have a qualifying child.

2022 Federal EITC Income Limits

Number of Qualifying Children	Single, Head of Household or Widowed	Married Filing Jointly	Federal EITC Maximum Credits
None	\$16,480	\$22,610	\$560
1	\$43,492	\$49,622	\$3,733
2	\$49,399	\$55,529	\$6,164
3 or more	\$53,057	\$59,187	\$6,935

California Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)

The California Young Child Tax Credit is up to \$1,083 per family for tax year 2022 and adjusted for inflation annually in future years. Families must have at least one qualifying child under 6 years old at the end of the tax year, must file a California state tax return, and meet the requirements of the CalEITC, except beginning for tax year 2022, taxpayers do not need to have earned income to be eligible. Taxpayers without at least \$1 of earned income would not qualify for CalEITC.

New Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC)

The New Foster Youth Tax Credit is available for tax year 2022. You may be eligible for up to \$1,083 in a refundable credit if you meet all of the following criteria: qualify for CalEITC, were age 18 through 25 at end of tax year 2022, were in foster care at age 13 or older and placed through the California foster care system, and satisfy the foster care verification requirement.

FREE TAX HELP

- CalFile for filing state taxes online at Franchise Tax Board: (800) 852-5711 www.ftb.ca.gov/file/ways-to-file/online/calfile/index.asp
- EITC calculator and free tax return preparation locations: www.ftb.ca.gov/caleitc
- EITC Assistant through the Internal Revenue Service: www.irs.gov/
- File your taxes and claim your credits at www.getyourrefund.org
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) locations: www.irs.gov/vita
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