

EITC Notification From Employer To Employee

Based on your annual earning, you may be eligible for the following assistance:

Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program: VITA is a free basic income tax return preparation program, for federal and state personal income tax returns, managed by the Internal Revenue Service and operated by Internal Revenue Service partners and trained volunteers.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (federal EITC): The federal EITC is a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families. The federal EITC will not impact certain public assistance benefits. In addition, federal EITC payments are typically NOT used to determine eligibility for the following:

- Medicaid;
- Supplemental Security Income;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- Low-income housing; and
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments.

To receive the federal EITC, you must file a federal tax return and fill out the EITC form, which can be found in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For additional information on your eligibility to receive the federal EITC and other federal antipoverty tax credits, visit www.irs.gov.

California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) and Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC): The California EITC and YCTC are refundable credits for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC and YCTC are similar to the federal EITC and will not impact certain public assistance benefits.

Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC): The FYTC is a refundable credit for former and current foster youth between 18 and 25 years of age who were in foster care while 13 years of age or older. The FYTC will not impact certain public assistance benefits.

To claim the California EITC, you must file a California Income Tax Return and fill out the California EITC form (Form FTB 3514) and attach it to your tax return. For additional information on the availability of the credit, including eligibility requirements, or form questions, visit www.ftb.ca.gov and enter "CalEITC" in the search box.

You may also be eligible to have both your federal and state tax returns prepared and filed for free using VITA services. For additional information on the free tax filing service, and location and hours of operation, visit www.ftb.ca.gov and enter "VITA" in the search box.

Additionally, you may be eligible to e-file your California return directly with the Franchise Tax Board for free using CalFile. For additional information on CalFile, visit www.ftb.ca.gov and enter "CalFile" in the search box.



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Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC)

What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

Your employer sent you this notice to make you aware of an important federal tax benefit. Even if you had no income tax withheld from your wages during the year, you may be eligible for the EIC.

How Much Is the EIC?

For 2023, the EIC can be as much as \$3,995 if you have one qualifying child who has a valid SSN; \$6,604 if you have two qualifying children who have valid SSNs; \$7,430 if you have three or more qualifying children who have valid SSNs; and \$600 if you have no qualifying children who have a valid SSN.

How Do You Claim the EIC?

To claim the EIC, you must:

1. Be eligible for the EIC, and
2. File a 2023 tax return (including Schedule EIC if you have a qualifying child).

To figure out if you are eligible, see Pub. 596 or visit [IRS.gov/EITC](https://www.irs.gov/EITC).

If eligible, you can claim the EIC to get a refund even if you had no tax withheld from your pay or owe no tax. For example, if you had no tax withheld in 2023 and owe no tax but are eligible for a credit of \$800, you must file a 2023 income tax return to get the \$800 refund.

Most people qualify for free tax preparation. If you earned less than \$79,000, you can file for free online at [IRS.gov/FreeFile](https://www.irs.gov/FreeFile). In addition, IRS-certified volunteers can prepare your return for free in person if you earned less than \$64,000 or are age 60 or older. To find locations, visit [IRS.gov/VITA](https://www.irs.gov/VITA) or call 800-906-9887.

More Information

Refer to instructions for the tax return you are filing, Pub. 596, or [IRS.gov/EITC](https://www.irs.gov/EITC) for details on the EIC. You can download IRS forms and publications at [IRS.gov/Forms](https://www.irs.gov/Forms), and you can get printed copies mailed to you by going to [IRS.gov/OrderForms](https://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) or by calling 800-829-3676.
