

Federal and California Earned Income Tax Credits

BASIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Both the Federal and Cal EITC have similar eligibility rules. You may qualify if:



FILING STATUS

You cannot claim EITC if your filing status is Married Filing Separately, but you can claim EITC if you are:

- Married Filing Jointly
- Head of Household
- Qualifying Widow(er)
- Single



EMPLOYMENT STATUS

You, your spouse, and any qualifying child you list on your tax return must have a valid Social Security number. For the state earned income tax credit, CalEITC, taxpayers filing with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) are newly eligible for the CalEITC.



INCOME LIMITS

The amount of EITC you can receive is determined by how many qualifying children you have and your total income. This income has to be earned from work, such as:

- If you work for someone, or
- If you work for yourself (self-employed) or have a business.

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CALCULATE YOUR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

FEDERAL & CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

California CalEITC & Young Child Tax Credit			
# of Children	Maximum Income	Cal EITC*	Young Child Tax Credit
3 or more	\$30,000	\$3,027	\$1,000
2	\$30,000	\$2,691	\$1,000
1	\$30,000	\$1,626	\$1,000
0	\$30,000	\$243	\$0

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)		
# of Children	Maximum Income	Maximum Federal EITC**
3 or more	\$56,822	\$6,660
2	\$53,330	\$5,920
1	\$47,646	\$3,584
0	\$21,710	\$538

- Use the Eligibility and Calculator tools to estimate your [Federal EITC](#) and [Cal EITC](#).

**These figures are based on the 2020 tax year. Income numbers reflect the maximum amount you may earn and still qualify for CalEITC.*

*** Recipients may qualify for credit up to these amounts.*