



WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT?

The Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a tax refund for those who work, but don't earn very much money. For people who meet the requirements, the government gives additional refunds at tax time. The money may be used to put food on the table, move into better housing, or pay for other needs.

YOU may qualify if you earn less than:

- ✓ \$12,880 - \$15,880 if married filing jointly), if there is **NO** qualifying child OR
- ✓ \$33,995 - \$36,945 - if there is **ONE** qualifying child OR
- ✓ \$38,646 - \$41,646 - if married and filing jointly. if there is **MORE THAN ONE** qualifying child

HOW DO I KNOW IF THE PERSON I SUPPORT (OR I)
WILL QUALIFY?

DON'T GUESS! KNOW!



IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHILD:

- ✓ You **MUST** have earned income
- ✓ You **MUST** have a valid Social Security number
- ✓ You **MUST** be at least 25 but under 65 years of age
- ✓ You **MUST** live in the US for more than half a year
(check for exceptions for military service)

- ✓ You **CANNOT** be claimed as a dependent on someone else's taxes

- ✓ You **CANNOT** live with a relative who can claim you as a qualifying child/dependent even if they don't file for the EITC
- ✓ You **CANNOT** file for taxes under "married filing separately"
- ✓ You **CANNOT** have investment income of over\$2,900.00



In addition, if you think you are or you have a qualifying child, **check the rules carefully!**

- The qualifying child **MUST be related** to the person he/she lives with;
- The qualifying child **MUST** be under 19 years of age **OR** **permanently disabled at any age**;
- The qualifying child **MUST** live with the **relative** for more than half a year; and
- The qualifying child **MUST NOT** be eligible to be claimed by anyone else, even if that other person does not claim the qualifying child.

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT FOR SURE IF YOU QUALIFY?

Call for free assistance from resources such as:

- Telephone Assistance for Individuals: Toll-Free, 1-800-829-1040 (Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. your local time)
- ✓ The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program; for the closest site call 1-800-829-1040.

- ✓ AARP's Tax-Aide counseling program [1-888-227-7669](tel:1-888-227-7669)
- ✓ Telephone assistance from the IRS at [1-800-TAX-FORM](tel:1-800-TAX-FORM)
- ✓ www.irs.gov or call [1-800-TAX-1040](tel:1-800-TAX-1040)



**IF YOU THINK THE PERSON YOU
SUPPORT (OR YOU) MIGHT BE
ELIGIBLE - GET MORE
INFORMATION!**