



CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (CaEITC)

What immigrant families living in California
should know about this tax benefit

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California immigrants who file taxes may now receive cash from the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CaEITC). As the negative effects of COVID-19 continue impacting immigrant families, many are in need of support. Filing taxes may mean cash benefits for qualifying families. Visit CalEITC4Me.org to see how much you qualify for and to find a free, certified tax preparer near you.

WHAT IS THE CAEITC?

The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CaEITC) is a tax credit for low-income, working Californians. Qualifying individuals receive a refund or a reduction in any tax owed.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR CAEITC?

You may qualify for CaEITC if:

- ▶ You are at least 18 years old or have a qualifying child; and
- ▶ You have earned income of \$30,000 or less.

NOTE

*THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX
CREDIT DEPENDS ON YOUR
INCOME AND FAMILY SIZE.*

DO I QUALIFY EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE A VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER?

Taxpayers with an ITIN (Individual Tax Identification Number) are eligible for the



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CalEITC. This means many undocumented families are able to receive the credit. If you don't have an ITIN number, it is not too late. Connect with a trusted tax preparer to apply. Find one at irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/

ARE THERE ANY OTHER TAX CREDITS I MAY QUALIFY FOR?

If you qualify for CalEITC and have a child under the age of 6, you may be eligible for the Young Child Tax Credit. Note: Qualifying children must be under 6 years of age as of December 31, 2022.

CAN THE CALEITC, OR OTHER TAX CREDITS, HURT MY IMMIGRATION CASE?

The receipt of tax credits, like the CalEITC, will not impact an individual in their immigration case and does not count for public charge. If you have questions about public charge, connect with a legal services provider for a consultation about your immigration case. Visit ilrc.me/findhelp to find a trusted provider in your area.

DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE ANY SPECIFIC FORM TO GET THIS TAX CREDIT?

No, there is no extra form needed to obtain these tax credits, it is calculated automatically when you file your taxes. Connect with a trusted tax preparer for more information.

WHERE CAN I FIND A TRUSTED TAX PREPARER?

Visit irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/ or call 800-906-9887 to find a free, certified tax preparer in your area. Visit CalEITC4Me.org or text "EITC" to 855-620-2180 to learn more about CalEITC and how you and your family can benefit.

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