



# IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND THE CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (CALEITC)

California immigrants who file taxes may now receive cash from the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). During COVID-19, immigrant families need support, and 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 CALEITC?

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

### WHO QUALIFIES FOR CALEITC?

You may qualify for CalEITC 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 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 <u>irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/</u>

#### ARE THERE ANY OTHER TAX CREDITS I MAY QUALIFY FOR?

If you qualify for CalEITC and have underage children, you may be eligible for other state and federal tax credits.

#### 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 service provider for a consultation about your immigration case. Visit **https://www.bit.ly/ianimmhelp** to find a trusted legal service 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.

