

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)



The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. To qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC or simply called EIC, you must have earned income from employment, self-employment or another source and meet certain rules even if you do not have a filing requirement.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

For Free Tax Preparation Services

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$49,000 and below). IRS Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. To locate the nearest VITA site or find out if you qualify for EITC, call 2-1-1 or 954-537-0211 or visit www.irs.gov for a Nationwide Free Tax Preparation Site List and other qualifying information.

Items to bring to the VITA site to have your tax return prepared

- **Proof of identification**
- **Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents** and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter for you, your spouse and dependents
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN
- **Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return**
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns *if available*
- Proof of bank account routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit, such as a blank check
- **Total paid for child care provider and the child care provider's tax identifying number** (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

It is extremely important that each person use the correct Social Security Number. If you do not have an SSN for you or a dependent, you should complete Form SS-5, Social Security Number Application and submit it to the nearest [Social Security Administration Office](#). If you or your dependent is not eligible to get a Social Security Number, you may need an [Individual Taxpayer Identification Number \(ITIN\)](#). Please visit www.irs.gov for more information on the ITIN.

For information on who qualifies for the EITC or to find a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site, call 2-1-1 or 954-537-0211.