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To contact us	Phone 800-829-1040

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Important information about the Earned Income Credit

## You may be eligible for a refund of up to \$6,431

Our records show that you may be eligible for the Earned Income Credit (EIC), but didn't claim it on your 2018 tax form. Depending on your earnings and eligibility, your benefit can be up to \$6,431.

Do not discard this notice because you may be entitled to additional money.

### Summary

The credit, which can be up to \$6,431, is for certain people who have worked and earned income. Please complete the worksheet beginning on Page 3 to determine if you're eligible for the credit.

### What you need to do

Complete the Earned Income Credit Worksheet on page 3.

#### If the worksheet confirms that you're eligible for the credit

- Sign and date the attached worksheet and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

#### If the worksheet indicates that you're not eligible for the credit

- Please do not return the worksheet to us.

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If your address has changed, please call 800-xxx-xxxx or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Please check here if you've included any correspondence. Write your Social Security number (NNNN), the tax year (2018), and the form number (1040) on any correspondence.

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**Next steps**

If you're eligible for the credit, we'll send you a refund check in 6–8 weeks, as long as you don't owe tax or any other debts we're required to collect.

If we deny the credit, we'll send you a letter of explanation.

**When you file your Form 1040 next year,**

- Claim the credit if you are still eligible.
- Write "NO" on the EIC line if you don't want or don't qualify for the credit.
- You can also ask the IRS to figure the EIC credit for you. Write "EIC" on the EIC line, complete Schedule EIC, and attach it to your return. If you qualify for the credit the IRS will calculate it for you.

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**Additional information**

- Visit [www.irs.gov/cp09](http://www.irs.gov/cp09). You can also find the following online:
  - Form 1040
  - Earned Income Credit (Publication 596)
- For tax forms, instructions, and publication, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).
- Keep this notice for your records.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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## Earned Income Credit Worksheet

- Step 1** Read each statement listed below, and place a check mark next to any that describe you or that describe your spouse if you and your spouse filed a joint return for tax year 2018.
- I (or my spouse and I) lived in the United States for 6 months or less in 2018. (U.S. military personnel stationed outside the United States on extended active duty are considered to live in the U.S. during that period for purposes of the EIC.)
  - I (or my spouse and I) did not have earned income or excess investment income in 2018 (see Pub. 596 for a list of what is earned income and what is excess investment income for EIC purposes).
  - I can be claimed as a dependent by another person.
  - My or my spouse's Social Security card reads "Not Valid for Employment," and was issued so one of us could receive a federally funded benefit, such as Medicaid.
  - I am or my spouse is an Earned Income Credit qualifying child of another person. Being an EIC qualifying child of another person means that you meet all of the following criteria:
    - You are that person's son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild, or foster child. Or, you are that person's brother, sister, half brother, half sister, stepbrother, or stepsister (or the child or grandchild of that person's brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister).
    - You were under age 19 at the end of the year and younger than that person (or that person's spouse, if the person files jointly). Or, you were under age 24 at the end of the year, a student, and younger than that person (or that person's spouse, if the person files jointly). Or, you were permanently and totally disabled, regardless of age.
    - You lived with that person in the United States for more than half of the year.
    - You are not filing a joint return for the year (or are filing a joint return only as a claim for refund).
  - If you **checked any** of the above boxes, **you're not eligible** for the credit. Please do not continue completing this worksheet.
  - If you **did not check any** of the above boxes, please continue to Step 2.

- Step 2** Provide the information requested below for no more than three of your dependents who lived with you or your spouse in 2018, and are related to you or your spouse. A dependent is related to you if they are your son, daughter, stepchild, adopted child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or any of their descendants, or a foster child.
- Your qualifying child must have a valid Social Security number (SSN) by the due date of your tax return (including extensions), unless the child was born and died in 2018. If so, you must attach a copy of the child's birth certificate, death certificate, or hospital records showing a live birth to your notice.

Do not provide information if:

- The dependent has a Social Security card that reads "Not Valid for Employment" and the Social Security number was issued so the dependent could receive a federally funded benefit, such as Medicaid.
- The dependent filed a joint return for reasons other than claiming a tax refund.

**Step 2- Dependent #1**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

Did the dependent live with you or your spouse in the U.S. for more than 6 months in 2018? Yes No

Was the dependent any of the following: Yes No

- Born after January 1, 2000, or
- Born after January 1, 1995 and a student, or
- Permanently disabled during 2018?

Is the dependent younger than you or your spouse? Yes No

**Dependent #2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

Did the dependent live with you or your spouse in the U.S. for more than 6 months in 2018? Yes No

Was the dependent any of the following: Yes No

- Born after January 1, 2000, or
- Born after January 1, 1995 and a student, or
- Permanently disabled during 2018?

Is the dependent younger than you or your spouse? Yes No

**Dependent #3**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

Did the dependent live with you or your spouse in the U.S. for more than 6 months in 2018? Yes No

Was the dependent any of the following: Yes No

- Born after January 1, 2000, or
- Born after January 1, 1995 and a student, or
- Permanently disabled during 2018?

Is the dependent younger than you or your spouse? Yes No

**Step 3**

Refer to your answers from Step 2 to determine if your dependents meet the requirements.

- If you answered no to any questions for a dependent, he or she doesn't meet the requirements.
- If you answered yes to all questions for a dependent, he or she meets the requirements.

How many dependents meet the requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

**If at least one dependent meets the requirements**

- If at least one dependent meets the requirements, you may be eligible for the credit. Continue to Step 4. (Keep in mind that a dependent who meets the requirements can only be claimed by one person. If you and someone else claim the same dependent, the IRS will use guidelines found in Publication 596 to determine who is eligible for the credit.)

**If none of your dependents meet the requirements**

- If none of your dependents meet the requirements, you are not eligible for the credit on the basis of a qualifying child. Please do not continue completing this worksheet.
- **However**, you may be eligible for the credit without a qualifying child. Continue to Step 4 if you meet all of the following requirements:
  - You (or your spouse if married) are at least 25 years old, but less than 65 years old.
  - You cannot be claimed as a dependent by another person.
  - You cannot be an EIC qualifying child of another taxpayer.
  - You (and your spouse if filing joint) must have lived in the United States for more than half the year.

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**Step 4**

Sign and date the statement if you are eligible for the credit.  
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Your signature		Date	
Your spouse's signature		Date	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.		<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.
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