



SOME EMPLOYEES COULD GET ADDITIONAL MONEY BACK ON THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN!

**Take Advantage of One of the
Government's Best Kept Secrets!**

The **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** is a federal credit for any working individual or family whose **annual 2009 income was just under \$48,300**. Some workers will be eligible to receive as much as an additional **\$5,657** return on their income taxes.

Who Qualifies?

1. Those **single or married; with or without children**
2. Employees of **small** businesses, **big** businesses or **self-employed** persons
3. Those who **don't earn enough** to be required to file a tax return (to receive the refund you must file).

Use this chart to determine if you are eligible:

	Income Limit: Earn Less Than	Number of Qualify- ing Children	Maximum EITC Credit
Single or Head of Household	\$43,279	3 or More	\$ 5,657
Married Filing Jointly	\$48,279	3 or More	\$ 5,657
Single of Head of Household	\$40,295	2	\$5,028
Married Filing Jointly	\$45,295	2	\$5,028
Single or Head of Household	\$35,463	1	\$ 3,043
Married Filing Jointly	\$40,463	1	\$ 3,043
Single or Head of Household	\$13,440	None	\$ 457
Married Filing Jointly	\$18,440	None	\$ 457

Free Tax Preparation

Did you know you can **file your federal and state taxes for free**? If you earn **less than \$50,000**, you can utilize free tax preparations sites through the IRS VITA (Volunteers In Tax Assistance) program. Most sites offer **electronic filing** for faster refunds and with direct deposit you may receive your refund within **ten days!**

Every county in North Carolina offers locations for free tax preparation. Find the site in your area by calling **888-927-3230** or by visiting the ETIC Carolinas website: <http://www.eitc-carolinas.org>.

Other Tax Break Opportunities

Many workers also fail to take advantage of the **Child and Dependent Care Credit** and the **Child Tax Credit**. The Child Tax Credit can be worth an **additional \$1,000 for each child under the age of 17**. More information can be found on the EITC Carolinas website.