



Many New Jersey Taxpayers Are Eligible For 2018 Earned Income Tax Credits

Both a federal and a New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit (NJEITC) are available to qualified taxpayers.

Most workers who are eligible for the federal credit also qualify for the NJEITC. Like the federal credit, the NJEITC can reduce the amount of tax you owe or increase the size of your refund check.

To receive the NJEITC, you must apply and qualify for the federal credit. Then, you must file a New Jersey Resident Income Tax return, even if your income is below New Jersey's minimum filing threshold. You cannot qualify for the NJEITC if you and your spouse or civil union partner file separate Income Tax returns.

See information below on how to contact the Internal Revenue Service about applying for the federal credit.

The amount of your NJEITC is a percentage of your federal Earned Income Tax Credit. This year, the NJEITC amount is equal to 37 percent of the federal credit. So if your federal Earned Income Tax Credit is \$4,000, your NJEITC will be \$1,480.

If you lived in New Jersey for only part of 2018, your NJEITC will be based on the number of months you were a New Jersey resident. For this calculation, 15 days or more is a month.

For more information about the NJEITC:

- Visit the Division of Taxation's website: www.njtaxation.org;
- Listen to recorded information or order forms by calling the Division's Automated Tax Information System from a touch-tone phone: 1-800-323-4400 (within NJ, NY, PA, DE, MD) or (609) 826-4400;
- Call the New Jersey Division of Taxation at (609) 292-6400. To view the Customer Service Center's current hours of operation select *Contact Us* on the Division's home page, or directly visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/phonenos.shtml>.

For more information about the 2018 Federal Earned Income Tax Credit:

- Visit: www.irs.gov/credits-deductions; or
- Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.