

TEXAS – NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

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Was your family's income less than \$55,952 in 2019?
You may qualify to get money back from the IRS.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable credit for qualified taxpayers – even if you don't owe any taxes! Each year, EITC brings more than a billion federal income tax dollars back home and into Texans' pockets.

You may qualify if your family income in 2019 was less than:

- \$55,952 with three or more qualifying children;
- \$52,493 with two qualifying children;
- \$46,884 with one qualifying child; or
- \$21,370 with no qualifying children.

For more information about the EITC, visit www.irs.gov/eitc.

ILLINOIS – NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

You May Qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the Tax Break for Hardworking People!

What is it worth?

If you worked in 2019, you could be eligible to claim the EITC! Last year, 25 million eligible workers and families received \$63 billion through the EITC.

Maximum EITC Amount			
Qualifying Children Claimed			
Zero	One	Two	Three or more
\$529	\$3,526	\$5,828	\$6,557

How do I know if I qualify for the EITC?

- You must have received "self-employment income" in 2019 to qualify – that includes wages reported on Form W-2 or self-employment reported on Form 1099-MISC or other earnings.
 - Types of income that are not considered "earned" include: Unemployment compensation, Social Security retirement income, Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), TANF, child support received, veterans benefits, and SNAP benefits
 - If you receive only unearned income, then you do not qualify for the credit
- If you were raising children in 2019, there are special rules to determine which children qualify for the credit.
- All household members who are going to file or be claimed for the EITC must have a Social Security number.
- Investment income must have been \$3,600 or less for the year.
- If you do not have any qualifying children, you must be at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of the year.
- There are other qualifications detailed on the IRS website; please visit www.irs.gov/eitc.
- Earned income and adjusted gross income (AGI) must each be less than:

If filing...	Qualifying Children Claimed			
	Zero	One	Two	Three or more
Single, Head of Household or Widowed	\$15,570	\$41,094	\$46,703	\$50,162
Married Filing Jointly	\$21,370	\$46,884	\$52,493	\$55,952

If you worked in the last 3 years and you did not claim the EITC in those years but were eligible, you can still apply for EITC benefits by filing an amended tax return.

How do I claim the EITC?

You can only get the EITC if you file your federal income tax return. You can claim it even if you do not owe federal income taxes, so make sure you file!

Illinois also has a State EITC!

Illinois residents who claim the federal EITC may also get a State EITC which can be worth up to \$1,180!

Need help filing your taxes?

There are programs throughout Illinois where families with incomes under \$56,000 and individuals with incomes under \$30,000 can get free electronic tax preparation and access to financial services.

- Call 312-409-7555 (Spanish) or visit www.goladderup.org
- You may also call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or 800-829-4059 (TDD).

Note: EITC payments will not affect any DHS benefits you are currently receiving.

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