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## Frequently Asked Questions 2022 Tax Season

### 1. I don't usually file my taxes. Why should I file a tax return this year?

You could receive thousands of dollars in a tax refund by claiming credits like the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

The CTC is available to nearly all children and families. It amounts to \$3,000 per child for children 6 to 17 years old, and \$3,600 per child for children 5 years old and younger. Some families may have received half of their CTC payment in 2021 and will need to file a tax return to get the other half. The EITC is also available to more people than ever before whether you're single, married, have children or not. The amount ranges from \$1,500 to \$6,700. You may also qualify for other credits as well as missed stimulus checks (also known as Economic Impact Payment) that could increase the amount of your tax refund.

These tax breaks mean extra money that you can put towards groceries, rent, child care, car expenses, and more. All you need to do is file a tax return. Free tax help from IRS-certified volunteers is available at [www.GetYourRefund.org](http://www.GetYourRefund.org).

### 2. If I received advance Child Tax Credit payments in 2021, will I have to pay back this money?

There are some protections in place so you won't have to pay money back if your 2021 income is less than \$40,000 (\$60,000 for married couples and \$50,000 for heads of households). Otherwise, if you received Child Tax Credit payments for a child who is no longer your dependent or if your income has drastically changed, you may have to pay some or all of the money back.

### 3. Will claiming tax credits affect my eligibility for other government benefits?

No. Tax credits are not considered income for any household. Receiving CTC, EITC, or other tax credits will not change the amount you receive in other federal benefits, including unemployment insurance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SSDI, TANF, WIC, Section 8, or Public Housing.

### 4. Can I still claim tax credits if I am not a US citizen?

If your child has a Social Security Number (SSN), you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit. Parents are not required to have an SSN, but they must have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to claim the CTC for their eligible children. An SSN is required



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for everyone listed on a tax return for an individual to claim the EITC. Any household member that has an SSN may be able to claim stimulus payments by filing a tax return.

To apply for an ITIN, complete Form W-7 along with your tax return and mail it to the IRS. [Visit the IRS website](#) for more information.

**5. Will claiming a tax credit affect my immigration status?**

No. Receiving eligible CTC, EITC, or other tax credits will not affect your immigration status, your ability to get a green card, or your future immigration plans. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services does not consider tax credits in a public charge determination.

**6. How can I get help to file my taxes?**

Free tax help from IRS-certified volunteers is available at [www.GetYourRefund.org](https://www.getyourrefund.org).

**7. I've filed my tax return. How can I check the status of my refund?**

Check the status of your refund using the IRS [Where's My Refund tool](#) or download the [IRS2Go Mobile App](#) from your phone's app store.