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Many New Jersey Taxpayers Are Eligible For 2019 Earned Income Tax Credits

Both a [federal](#) and [New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (NJEITC) are available to eligible taxpayers.

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 amount 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 amount. You cannot qualify for the NJEITC if you and your spouse or civil union partner file separate Income Tax returns.

The amount of your NJEITC is a percentage of your federal Earned Income Tax Credit. This year, the NJEITC amount is equal to 39% of the federal credit. So if your federal Earned Income Tax Credit is \$4,000, your NJEITC will be \$1,560.

If you lived in New Jersey for only part of 2019, your NJEITC will be based on the number of months you were a New Jersey resident. For this calculation, 15 days or more equals one month.

For more information about the NJEITC:

- [Online](#);
- [In person](#);
- By phone: (609) 943-5000.

For more information about the 2019 federal Earned Income Tax Credit:

- [Online](#);
- Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.