

Earned Income Credit (EIC) Limit Worksheet



Step 1: Determine Your Earned Income

1. Enter your total earned income (wages, salaries, tips, net self-employment income, etc.).

➔ \$ _____

2. Enter any nontaxable combat pay (if applicable).

➔ \$ _____

3. Add lines 1 and 2. This is your **total earned income**.

➔ \$ _____



Step 2: Compare Earned Income with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

4. Enter your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from Form 1040, line 11.

➔ \$ _____

5. If line 4 is greater than line 3, use line 4 as your income for EIC calculations. Otherwise, use line 3.

➔ \$ _____

Step 3: Compute Your Maximum Earned Income Credit

6. Find your EIC limit based on the IRS [EIC Table](#) (based on filing status and number of qualifying children). Enter the maximum EIC allowed for your situation.

➔ \$ _____

7. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 6. This is your **tentative earned income credit**.

➔ \$ _____

Step 4: Determine Your Final Earned Income Credit

8. Enter the total of any **disallowed credits** from previous years due to IRS adjustments or audit findings (if applicable).

➔ \$ _____

9. Subtract line 8 from line 7. If zero or less, enter 0.

➔ \$ _____

10. Enter the final amount from line 9 on Form 1040, Schedule EIC, or as required by IRS instructions.

➔ \$ _____