

## File Your Taxes for Free!

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If you earned less than \$ 50,000 in 2009, you may qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) of up to \$5,657. EITC is a special tax credit for low-income working families. You can file your taxes electronically from your home computer or any computer with Internet access and a printer.

According to the IRS, Central California loses approximately \$100 million dollars in Federal Income Tax Credits annually. In Fresno County alone, the IRS estimates that more than \$4 million dollars of tax credits go unclaimed. Some of the reasons are lack of awareness, language barriers or fear of losing other income support.

Fresno County EOC was awarded \$40,000 to expand the highly successful EITC program.

### 2009 EITC Tax Year Maximum Income Guidelines

Number of Qualifying Children	Single	Married	Eligible EITC Amount
Three (3) or more	\$ 43,279	\$ 48,279	\$ 5,657
Two (2)	\$ 40,295	\$ 45,463	\$ 5,028
One (1)	\$ 35,463	\$ 40,463	\$ 3,043
* None/Zero (0)	\$ 13,440	\$ 18,440	\$ 457

***\* If the number of qualifying is 0, you must be 25 - 64 years old to be eligible for EITC.***

***To be eligible for the EITC you must be a U.S. Citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident.***

***You cannot qualify as a dependent for another taxpayer.***

To file you must have:

- Earned income in 2009
- Last year's completed tax forms
- All W-2's/1099's/1098's/Bank Statements/Interest Earned
- A valid Social Security number
- Investment income of less than \$ 3,100 (if applicable)

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