

***Did You Know* —**

There's an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for *certain workers* that may reduce the tax you owe. There are two ways to get the credit.

- You can get the credit when you file your 1997 income tax return in 1998
- or
- you can get part of the credit (extra income) in each 1997 paycheck. This is called **ADVANCE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (Advance EITC)**. When you file your 1997 income tax return, you should claim any extra EITC that you may qualify for.

Why should I be interested in the Advance EITC?

This year, you can get up to \$1,326 extra income in your pay.

If your income for 1997 will be less than \$25,760 and you have at least one child living with you in the U.S., Advance EITC may be for you, **AND IT'S EASY TO GET!**

How can I get the Advance EITC payment?

See if you qualify for the Advance EITC payments by completing the five questions on the back of the attached Form W-5, *Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate*.

If you qualify, complete the bottom part of the Form W-5 and give it to your employer. Then, based on your income, your employer adds additional money to your take-home pay in each paycheck.

If your only income is from self-employment, you cannot qualify for the Advance EITC payment.

Could my Advance EITC payments change?

Yes. If, during the year, your income rises above the dollar limit, or you find out that you no longer qualify for the EITC, you need to fill out a new Form W-5 and give it to your employer to stop the advance payments.

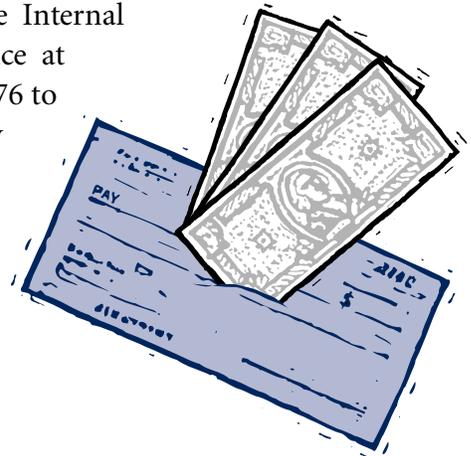
If you no longer qualify for the Advance EITC, you will have to repay all EITC money advanced to you when you file your 1997 tax return.

If I get Advance EITC do I have to file a tax return?

Yes. If you receive the Advance EITC, you must file a tax return. This will show the IRS the payments you received and will allow you to claim any extra credit you may be entitled to.

Where can I get more information on EITC and Advance EITC?

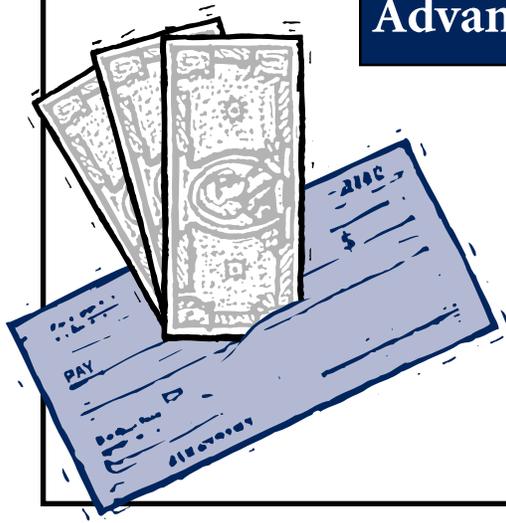
Publication 596, *Earned Income Credit*, explains the rules to qualify for and to claim the EITC and Advance EITC. Call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-3676 to get a free copy of any IRS form and/or publication.



This publication is available from the Internet through the World Wide Web —

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