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Many New Jersey Taxpayers Are Eligible For 2020 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.

Everyone who applies and qualifies for the federal credit is eligible to receive the NJEITC. New for this year, we lowered the age limit to 21 and expanded the NJEITC so you may qualify even if you do not have a qualifying child or receive a federal credit. To receive the NJEITC, **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 40% of the federal credit. So, if your federal Earned Income Tax Credit is \$4,000, your NJEITC will be \$1,600.

If you lived in New Jersey for only part of 2020, 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 2020 federal Earned Income Tax Credit:

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