WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT







A Tax Refund for Washington Workers

Program Overview





About the program

What is this refund?

- A tax credit for low-to-moderate income individuals and families.
- Provides payments up to \$1,290 to individuals and families who meet the eligibility requirements.
- Payments are based on income level and the number of qualifying children.
- If you haven't applied yet, don't worry. There's still plenty of time to apply!
- Applications can be submitted for up to 3 years from the date the federal tax return was due.
- See application deadline below:
- Tax Year 2022- Feb 1st, 2023- Dec 31st, 2026
- Tax Year 2023 Feb 1st, 2024 Dec 31st, 2027
- Tax Year 2024- Feb 1st, 2025- Dec 31st, 2028





What is a Tax Credit?

The Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) IS...

- An annual refund of the sales tax that you have already paid!
- Money that you get to keep in your pocket!
- Separate from your federal tax refund.
- You can use the money however you want!



The Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) IS NOT...

- A loan or line of credit.
- A deduction for other taxes owed.
- A public charge, claiming WFTC will not impact pursuit of citizenship status.
- You do NOT have to pay back this money!





Who qualifies?

Applicants must have:

- Filed a federal income tax return for either 2022, 2023, or 2024 tax years.
- A valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- Met requirements for the federal EITC **OR** would have met the requirements for EITC but filed with an ITIN.
- Lived in Washington State for more than 183 days the previous year (6 months approx.)
- Be at least 25 years old and less than 65 (with no qualifying child) OR have a qualifying child
- If an applicant has a qualifying child, the minimum age requirement doesn't apply





Income requirements

Table for Tax Year 2022

Number of qualifying children	Applicant must make less than the following		Maximum
	Single	Married (filing jointly)	credit amount
0	\$16,480	\$22,610	\$300
1	\$43,492	\$49,622	\$600
2	\$49,399	\$55,529	\$900
3 or more	\$53,057	\$59,187	\$1,200



Number of qualifying children	Applicant must make less than the following Single Married (filing jointly)		Maximum refund
0	\$17,640	\$24,210	\$315
1	\$46,560	\$53,120	\$625
2	\$52,918	\$59,478	\$940
3 or more	\$56,838	\$63,398	\$1,255

Table for Tax Year 2024

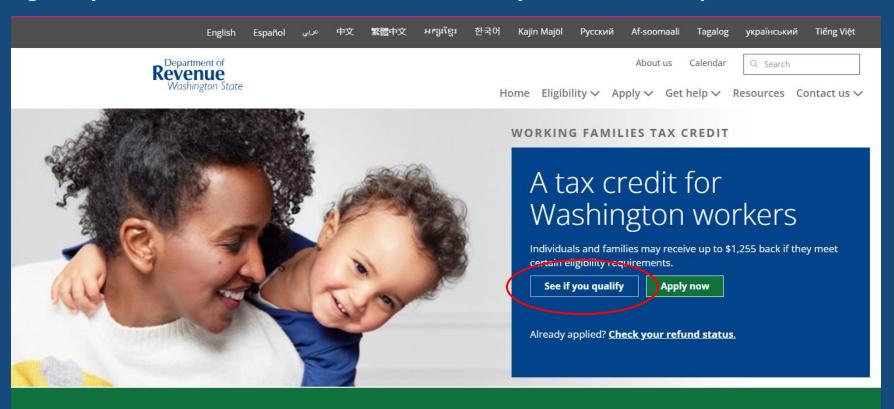
Number of qualifying children	Applicant must make less	Maximum credit	
	Single, head of household, or married filing separately	Married filing jointly	amount
О	\$18,591	\$25,511	\$325
1	\$49,084	\$56,004	\$640
2	\$55,768	\$62,688	\$965
3	\$59,899	\$66,819	\$1,290





See if you qualify!!

Use our eligibility checker tool on our website to see if you meet the requirements of our program.





How to apply?

Applications are open year-round!

4 Easy Ways to Apply!

- Online using MyDOR
 - Create or use an existing SAW Account to apply online. Online application is only available in English & Spanish
 - Our field offices have computers and printers to assist customers with the online application
- Modernized e-File (tax preparation services)
 - Get free help at VITA & AARP centers: <u>Additional free resources</u>
 - Other providers: Apply using tax preparation software
- By Paper
 - Paper applications are available in 13 languages
 - You can download an application from our website or stop by our field <u>offices</u>
- Application Event
 - You can attend an application event to receive free application assistance
 - Some of our application events can also offer free tax preparation services: <u>Calendar of Events</u>





What you'll need to apply

All applications will go through an automatic 2-week federal hold before being processed.

- Copy of your federal tax return
- SSN or ITIN number
- Dates of birth for you, spouse, and children (if applicable)
- Washington state driver's license number or photo ID
- Current mailing address
- Bank account number & routing number, if you chose direct deposit
- Applicant(s) signatures.

Your application will be processed within 30-90 business days after initial hold.





Why should people apply?

Stimulate local economic activity

- This is a refund of sales taxes paid in WA.
- The money being refunded will go back into the community.
- Customers and businesses will benefit.

Promote racial equity

- Anyone who lives & works in WA can receive the refund regardless of their immigration status or job type.
- Opens the door to marginalize groups and communities.
- Our program provides clear policies & guidelines.

Support financial stability & Wellbeing

- Direct, flexible cash to meet essential needs.
- You can use it for anything you want or need.
- You can receive this refund once a year.





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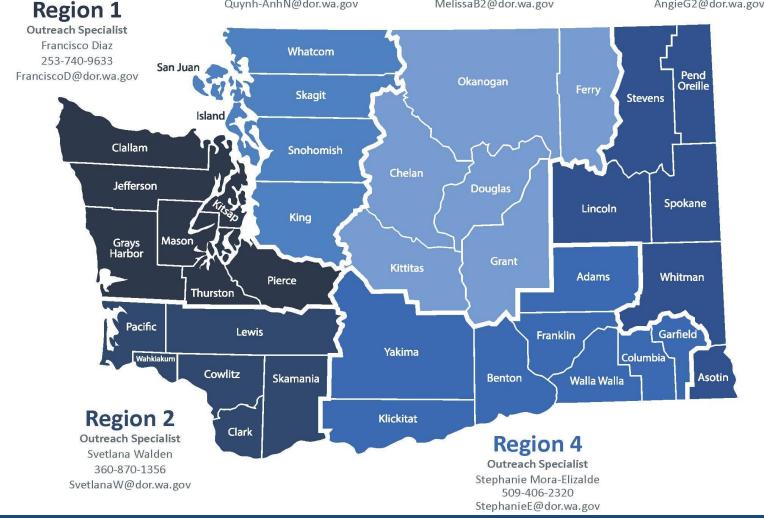
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Our outreach efforts

- Outreach team representing communities they serve around the state:
 - Events, presentations, speaking engagements, application drives.
 - Multilingual team in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Russian.
- Engagement with key community partners:
 - State agencies- Commerce, DSHS, DOL, etc.
 - School districts
 - Community-based organizations (trusted messengers)
 - Cities, counties, and tribal governments
 - Volunteer tax preparers
- Language support and access:
 - Interpreter support through our call center
- Community outreach grants:
 - We have 27 organizations covering 36 counties in Washington
- Advisory Committee:
 - Members from all over the state





Communication tools

Visit our website wftc.wa.gov

These are some of the tools you can find on our website:

- Application portal & educational videos
- Eligibility checker
- Community partner toolkit
- FAQs for ITIN filers
- Request a speaker to do a presentation or invite us to your events
- Event calendar

Get involved & help us drive awareness!





Reminders & resources

Resources

- Find the most current events happening near you on the: <u>WFTC calendar of events</u>
- Request free materials such as flyers, posters or rack cards: <u>Order free copies</u>
- Learn how to apply: <u>Educational videos</u>
- Get free preparation help with your federal tax return: <u>Free tax help</u>

Get involved

- Connect with the outreach specialist in your area: <u>Outreach</u>
 <u>specialist</u>
- Reach out to one of our many grantees across the state:
 Grantees
- Hear from real customers: <u>Testimonial videos- YouTube</u>
- We have field offices in the following cities: Bellingham,
 Bothell, Kent, Port Angeles, Richland, Seattle, Spokane,
 Tacoma, Tumwater, Vancouver, Wenatchee & Yakima.





Open discussion

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