

## New Jersey TAX Year 2019 Assistance: Federal & State

IRS Website - <http://www.irs.gov/>



### Tax Forms

- **Federal Tax Forms** are no longer being mailed out to taxpayers. You can download forms and instructions at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions> or you can call **800 829-3676** for paper forms and they will be mailed directly to you. Forms are no longer available at local libraries or post offices.
- **New Jersey Tax Forms** are mailed only to those who filed on paper the previous year and are **not** available at libraries. Call **609 292-6400** to request forms by mail. Download forms at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml> or pick up at a regional tax office.

### **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Tax Year 2019**

- The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit are Federal Tax Benefits for Low-and Moderate-Income Workers whose Earned Income & Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) must each be less than:
  - ◇ \$50,162 (\$55,952 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
  - ◇ \$46,703 (\$52,493 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
  - ◇ \$41,094 (\$46,884 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
  - ◇ \$15,570 (\$21,370 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children
- Tax year **2019** Federal Credits range from **\$529** to **\$6,557**.
- Tax year **2019** NJ State Credits range from **\$206** to **\$2,557**.
- **You must file a tax return even if you owe no tax to claim EITC. Find out if you qualify for EITC @ [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc)** Scroll down and click on "EITC Assistant".
- **For EITC Publications, Forms, Brochures, Other Resources - [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc)**
- **EITC Qualifying Child Form <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040sei.pdf>**
- **Retroactive EITC Filing** You can amend your taxes for the last three years. If you have previously filed your return & did not claim credits or deductions that you may have been eligible for, contact the **IRS at 800 829-1040** for assistance.
- **Disability and EITC**  
Many people with disabilities or with children having disabilities qualify for the EITC. <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit/disability-and-earned-income-tax-credit>



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### **New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Tax Year 2019**

New Jersey's Earned Income Tax Credit is equal to 39% of the federal credit and ranges from **\$206** to **\$2,557**.

For more Information, How to Apply, & Free Preparation Services for eligible taxpayers go to [https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/vita\\_tce/freeservices.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/vita_tce/freeservices.shtml)

### Free Tax Counseling

*(Note: Some information & assistance is only available from late January thru mid April)*

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** - IRS-sponsored program staffed by community volunteers who receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. For some, but not all VITA sites, and days and hours of operation in any state, please go to <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> and enter your zip code.
- **VITA Site Locator Number** - You may call **800 906-9887** if you do not see a site close to your immediate area.

**New Jersey VITA Sites** - Call NJ **2-1-1** or **877 652-1148** (toll free) or go to <https://www.nj211.org/nj-vita-centers>



### **AARP Tax-Aide & Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)**

- Call **888 227-7669** or enter your address on their **Tax-Aide** website <http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action> This is an IRS-sponsored program staffed by community volunteers who receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns.
- AARP has been providing free volunteer run tax preparation and assistance programs since 1968 to low and moderate income taxpayers, many of whom are aged 60 and older. Their well-trained volunteers assist with filing the 1040 Form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. Electronic filing (e-filing) is offered at most sites, with no charge to the taxpayer. E-filing ensures more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

**Year round tax information** (in cooperation with the IRS) is also provided by AARP's free, year-round, web-based assistance. Taxpayers may pose questions to online volunteers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/?intcmp=FTR-LINKS-INFO-TAXAIDE-EHWERE](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/?intcmp=FTR-LINKS-INFO-TAXAIDE-EHWERE)

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### Free Tax Filing

#### Free Tax Filing/Free File

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/about-the-free-file-program>

This is a public-private partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a number of electronic tax software companies that provide free online federal tax preparation and e-filing services to millions of low & moderate income taxpayers.

#### Free Tax Filing Eligibility (Tax Year 2019)

Taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$69,000 or less in **2019** are eligible for free filing.

- Taxpayers earning more than \$69,000 can use Free File Fillable Forms.
- Taxpayers eligible for the EITC are eligible for free tax filing as well as free tax filing assistance, with a choice of about 20 different tax services.
- Taxpayers generally earning less than \$56,000 are eligible for **free tax filing assistance** as well as the free tax filing.
- AARP is also providing free tax filing services with no income requirements.

IRS Tax Tips for Seniors <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p554>

Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) 877 777-4778 <http://www.irs.gov/Advocate>

- ◆ TAS *is your voice at the IRS*. We can offer you free help with IRS problems that you can't resolve on your own. TAS can help if you can't resolve your problem with the IRS and:
  - ◇ Your problem is causing financial difficulties for you, your family or business.
  - ◇ You face (or your business is facing) an immediate threat of adverse action.
  - ◇ You've tried repeatedly to contact the IRS but no one has responded to you, or the IRS hasn't responded by the date promised.
- ◆ **NJ TAS - 973 921-4043 FAX 855 818-4817**  
<https://www.irs.gov/advocate/local-taxpayer-advocate>

#### Keeping Family Household Records

<http://cte.sfasu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Keeping-Family-Household-Records-Key.pdf>