

# Welcome to our...

# TAXES 101



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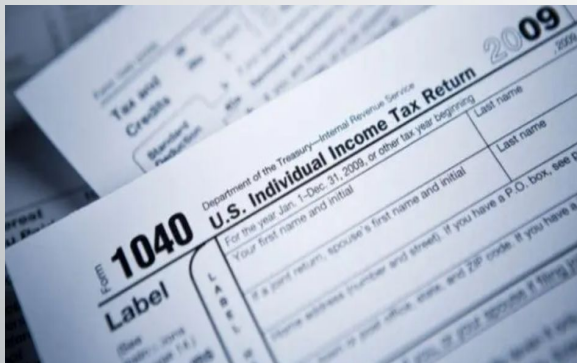
## Why are taxes important??

Get the most out of the money you earn!!!



- Get the biggest tax refund you are entitled to
- Pay the least amount of money to file your taxes
- Make your refund a stepping stone to your financial goals!

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## Choosing a Filing Method

- **DIY:** Filing using the forms available at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
- **Tax Filing Software**
- **Get assistance filing taxes**



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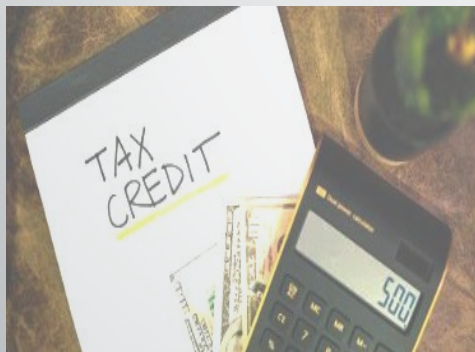
## Things to Consider When Choosing a Filing Method

- Is it FREE?
- Can it meet my filing needs?
- Am I eligible?

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## What Should I Know About Tax Credits?



- Tax credit reduces a taxpayer's final tax bill, dollar-for-dollar.
- Tax credits can reduce the amount of tax you owe or increase your tax refund.
- Certain tax credits may give you a refund even if you don't owe any tax.

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## What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and am I eligible for it?



Helps low-moderate-income workers and families get a tax break. The EITC was recently increased and expanded to include people not raising children between ages 19-24 and 65 and over.

- Have worked and earned income under \$57,414
- Have investment income below \$10,000 in the tax year
- Not file Form 2555 (This is for any Foreign earned income)

Worth up to \$6,935

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## What is the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and am I eligible for it?



Helps offset the cost of raising kids. To claim the CTC:

- You must earn more than \$2,500.
- The child must be under 17 on December 31st, 2022
- The child must live with you for more than half of the year.

Worth up to \$2,000 per child

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## What is the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) and am I eligible for it?



May help you pay for the care in 2022 of eligible children under age 13 claimed as a dependent, or a spouse or dependent not able to care for themselves. You can claim this credit if:

- You paid someone to care for one or more qualifying persons in order for you to work or look for work.
- The dependent lived with your family for more than half of the year.
- You spent less for dependent care during 2022 than your total income for the year.

Worth up to  
\$4,000 per child



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How will you receive your refund?

- Direct deposit
- Mail

## Planning for your refund

*Savings??*

*Paying off debt??*

*Emergency Expenses??*

*How much you will save??*

*How much will you use?*



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## (FEDERAL) IMPORTANT DEADLINES



*IRS sets this date as official start to 2023 tax filing season*

*The filing deadline to submit 2022 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed.*



*Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until this date to file.*

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## (LOCAL) IMPORTANT DEADLINES



*Orange County's local VITA program starts filling (virtual and in person options).*

*Last date to begin the Virtual VITA process with Orange County in order to meet the filing deadline of April 18, 2023.*



*Last date to complete your phone call initial phone call with an Orange County VITA tax preparer in order to meet the filing deadline*

*Last day families can claim the 2021 expanded Child Tax Credit.*



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## Where's My Tax Refund?

If your return was electronically filed and you provided bank account information for a direct deposit, you will usually receive your refund within 21 days. IRS and the NC Department of Revenue may experience delays in processing tax returns.

- ❑ You can check on the status of your refund at [www.irs.gov/refunds](https://www.irs.gov/refunds) or by downloading the [IRS2Go app](#).
- ❑ For NC state income tax refunds, visit [www.ncdor.gov/refund](https://www.ncdor.gov/refund).

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## Resources for taxes questions

- ✓ IRS. GOV: [Tools | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov)
- ✓ Get it Back: [Get It Back \(taxoutreach.org\)](https://www.taxoutreach.org)
- ✓ Child Tax Credit Info: [Child Tax Credit Outreach](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/understanding-child-tax-credit)
- ✓ CFPB Guide: [Guide to filing your taxes in 2023](https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learn-more/filing-your-taxes-2023/)

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## Resources for taxes filling and other IRS cases:

- ✓ **Free tax filing with the VITA program:** They provides FREE federal and state income tax preparations to eligible individuals with low-to-middle income, regardless of age or county of residence [Free tax help from IRS-certified volunteers.](#) | [GetYourRefund](#)
- ✓ **Low Income taxpayer Clinics:** Assist low-income individuals who have a tax dispute with IRS, they can help with audits, appeals and tax collection disputes as well as correct account problems. [Low Income Taxpayer Clinics | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](#)

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