

Earned Income Credit Eligibility

Get free tax information and tax preparation help

Residents who work but do not earn a lot of money may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as well as free help preparing their tax return.

EITC recipients may receive up to \$4,716 for a family with two or more children; \$2,853 for a family with one child and \$4,280 if there are no children. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest program benefiting working families.

To qualify, residents must meet the following income guidelines; earning no more than \$37,783 (no more than \$39,783 if married filing jointly) for families with two or more children; earning no more than \$33,241 (no more than \$35,241 if married filing jointly) for families with one child or; earning no more than \$12,590 (no more than \$14,590 if married filing jointly) if there are no children. Investment income must be \$2,900 or less. Children must meet certain relationship and residency requirements.

The following are the locations and hours of operations of free tax preparation sites, which is free for all ages:

AARP Tax-Aide Sites beginning February 2, 2007—April 12, 2007:

- Apache Junction Library, Saturdays, 1177 N. Idaho Rd. 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. (Closed February 16, 2008)

- Apache Junction Moose Lodge, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 350 West 16th Ave. 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

People should come prepared with the following items:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security Cards (or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, ITIN) for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Current year's tax package if you received one (not required when filing electronically)

- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available
- Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit
- Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
- The above sites are E-file sites only; all returns will be filed electronically. Therefore on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

For eligibility information, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 or visit the web site at www.irs.gov.

For further information, contact Heather Patel, City of Apache Junction, at 480-474-2635 or hpatel@ajcity.net. Sponsored by the City of Apache Junction Internal Revenue Service AARP Tax-Aide.

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