

Worksheet A—2018 EIC—Line 17a


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Before you begin: ✓ Be sure you are using the correct worksheet. Use this worksheet only if you answered “No” to Step 5, question 2. Otherwise, use Worksheet B.

Part 1
All Filers Using Worksheet A

1. Enter your earned income from Step 5. 1

2. Look up the amount on line 1 above in the EIC Table (right after Worksheet B) to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for your filing status and the number of children you have. Enter the credit here. 2

If line 2 is zero,  You can't take the credit. Enter “No” in the space to the left of Form 1040, line 17.

3. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 7. 3

4. Are the amounts on lines 3 and 1 the same?

Yes. Skip line 5; enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.

No. Go to line 5.

Part 2
Filers Who Answered “No” on Line 4

5. If you have:

- No qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$8,500 (\$14,200 if married filing jointly)?
- 1 or more qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$18,700 (\$24,350 if married filing jointly)?

Yes. Leave line 5 blank; enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.

No. Look up the amount on line 3 in the EIC Table to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for your filing status and the number of children you have. Enter the credit here. 5


Look at the amounts on lines 5 and 2. Then, enter the **smaller** amount on line 6.


Part 3
Your Earned Income Credit

6. **This is your earned income credit.** 6

Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 17a. ⋮

Reminder—

✓ If you have a qualifying child, complete and attach Schedule EIC. 



If your EIC for a year after 1996 was reduced or disallowed, see Form 8862, who must file, earlier, to find out if you must file Form 8862 to take the credit for 2018.