

Earned Income Credit (EIC) Worksheet—Lines 42a and 42b

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**Part 1****All Filers**

1. Enter your earned income from Step 5.

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2. Look up the amount on line 1 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.

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If line 2 is zero,  You can't take the credit. Enter "No" to the left of the entry space for line 42a.

3. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 22.

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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 \$8,300 (\$13,850 if married filing jointly)?
- 1 or more qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$18,200 (\$23,750 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.

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

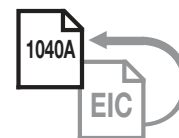
Part 3**Your Earned Income Credit**

6. This is your earned income credit.

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Enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 42a.

- ✓ **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 2016.