

# CLAIM YOUR MONEY

## DID YOU PAY FOR CHILD CARE SO YOU COULD WORK DURING 2021? YOU COULD GET MONEY BACK!

### If you:

- Have children under age 13
- Pay for child care so you can work or look for work

You could be eligible for up to \$8,000 in your tax refund from the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit when you file taxes in 2022! Use the [Bipartisan Policy Center's CDTC Calculator](#) to estimate your possible credit amount.

You can get money back with this credit for out-of-pocket child care expenses, including from:

- Copays
- Center-based care
- Family child care homes
- Babysitter
- Relative, neighbor, or friend
- Before- or after-school care
- Summer or vacation day camps

To claim the **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit**, follow the steps below.

### Now:

1. Keep track of the child care expenses you pay for each child in 2021.
2. Write down your child care provider's name, address, and tax ID number (either their Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number).

**\*Please note:** If your provider does not want to give you their tax ID number, you might still be eligible for the credit if you can show you tried to get the information; please find more information [here](#) or on IRS.gov by searching for "Child and Dependent Tax Credit FAQs."

### In 2022:

3. File your taxes in February-April 2022. Free tax filing assistance may be available through [IRS.gov/vita](#) and [GetYourRefund.org](#). And you may qualify for free tax filing software if your income is less than \$72,000 through [IRS.gov/FreeFile](#). There are no income limits to use the free tax filing software at [MyFreeTaxes.com](#). Call your local 211 for help finding local free tax assistance.

**More information on how to claim your credit can be found [here](#) or on [IRS.gov](#) by searching for "Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit FAQs."**