

If you're a low-income worker, find out if you could get personal income tax relief through the Low-Income Workers Tax Credit.

Overview

The Low-Income Workers Tax Credit (known as Low-income Individuals and Families (LIFT) Tax Credit) is a non-refundable tax credit that you can use to reduce or eliminate your Ontario personal income tax, excluding the Ontario Health Premium.

Who is eligible

Low-income tax filers, including those earning minimum wage, can claim the credit.

To qualify:

- you must be a Canadian resident in any province or territory at the start of the tax year
 - you must be an Ontario resident by the end of the tax year
 - you must have employment income
 - you must owe Ontario personal income tax
 - your individual adjusted net income for the year must be below \$50,000 (previously \$38,500 for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021)
 - your adjusted family net income for the year must be below \$82,500 (previously \$68,500 for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021)
 - you must not have spent more than six months in prison during the year
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How to claim it

You can claim it each year when you file your personal Income Tax and Benefit Return. On the tax return it is called the Low-income Individuals and Families Tax Credit.

How it is calculated

2022 – onward

The maximum credit you can receive is \$875 or 5.05% of your employment income, whichever is lower.

This maximum amount is then reduced by 5% of the greater of your:

- adjusted individual net income over \$32,500
- adjusted family net income over \$65,000

You may receive a **reduced** credit if your:

- individual adjusted net income is between \$32,500 and \$50,000
- adjusted family net income is between \$65,000 and \$82,500

2019, 2020 and 2021

The maximum credit you can receive is \$850 or 5.05% of your employment income, whichever is lower.

This maximum amount is then reduced by 10% of the greater of your:

- adjusted individual net income over \$30,000
- adjusted family net income over \$60,000

You may receive a **reduced** credit if your:

- individual adjusted net income is between \$30,000 and \$38,500
- adjusted family net income is between \$60,000 and \$68,500

A single person who works full time at minimum wage (earning nearly \$30,000) with no other income will:

- receive \$850 in tax relief
- pay no Ontario personal income tax

Those who earn more than \$30,000 will receive less than \$850 or no tax relief from this credit.

Contact the Canada Revenue Agency

If you have questions about the credit, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency:

- in person at a [tax services office or tax centre](#)
- by phone, at [1-800-959-8281](tel:1-800-959-8281)

More information is also available on the [Canada Revenue Agency website](#).

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