



Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents

SCHEDULE 3 (Form 1040)		Additional Credits and Payments		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.		2024 Attachment Sequence No. 03	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR				Your social security number	
Part I Nonrefundable Credits					
1	Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required.				1
2	Credit for child and dependent care expenses from Form 2441, line 11. Attach Form 2441.				2
3	Education credit.				
4	Retirement savings credit.				
5a	Residential energy credit.				
b	Energy-related credit.				
6	Other nonrefundable credits.				
a	General credit.				
b	Credit for child and dependent care expenses.				
c	Adoption credit.				
d	Credit for child and dependent care expenses.				
e	Residential energy credit.				
f	Clean vehicle credit.				
g	Mortgage interest credit.				
h	District of Columbia credit.				
i	Qualifying child credit.				
j	Alternative credit.				

SCHEDULE 8812 (Form 1040)		Credits for Qualifying Children and Other Dependents		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. Go to www.irs.gov/Schedule8812 for instructions and the latest information.		2024 Attachment Sequence No. 47	
Name(s) shown on return				Your social security number	
Part I Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents					
1	Enter the amount from line 11 of your Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.				1
2a	Enter income from Puerto Rico that you excluded.				2a
b	Enter the amounts from lines 45 and 50 of your Form 2555.				2b
c	Enter the amount from line 15 of your Form 4563.				2c
d	Add lines 2a through 2c.				2d
3	Add lines 1 and 2d.				3
4	Number of qualifying children under age 17 with the required social security number.				4



About Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents

- Additional resources listed in L< “References” tab
- Review all tips and cautions in the lesson
- Read all examples and sample interviews
- We will review answers to each exercise



Objectives – Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents

- Determine the taxpayer's eligibility for the credit(s)
- Determine which taxpayer can claim the additional credits
- Time Required: 20 minutes

Topics



- Refundable Credit
- Eligibility
- Amount of the Credit
- Calculating the Credit
- Additional Child Tax Credit
- Credit for Other Dependents
- Avoiding Common Errors



Key Terms

Definitions are always available in the L< online Glossary.

- Additional Child Tax Credit
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- Child Tax Credit
- Form 8332
- Schedule 8812
- Qualifying Child
- Refundable Credit



Refundable Credit

- Child tax credit allows taxpayers to claim a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per child
- Taxpayers who claim the child tax credit, but do not qualify for the full amount, may be able to also take the refundable additional child tax credit (per eligible child) by completing Schedule 8812, Credits for Qualifying Children and Other Dependents
- Review [Pub 4012](#), Tab G, Nonrefundable Credits, Child Tax Credit

Eligibility

- To be a qualifying child for the child tax credit, the child must be claimed as the taxpayer's dependent
- A child must meet certain criteria to qualify for the credit
- Review [Pub 4012](#), Tab G, Nonrefundable Credits, Table 1: Does Your Qualifying Child Qualify You...
- There are special rules for children of divorced or separated parents, as well as children of parents who live apart

Step	Probe/Ask the taxpayer:	Action
1	Is this person your qualifying child dependent? See Tab C, Dependents, Table 1: All Dependents	If YES, go to Step 2. If NO, you can't claim the child tax credit for this person. This person may qualify for the credit for other dependents, go to Table 2.
2	Did the child have an SSN, ITIN, or adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN) issued on or before the due date of your return (including extensions)? (Answer "Yes" if you are applying for an ITIN or ATIN for the child on or before the due date of your return (including extensions).)	If YES, go to Step 3. If NO, you can't claim the child tax credit or the credit for other dependents for this child.
3	Was the child a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. resident alien? (See Pub. 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, for the definition of a U.S. national or U.S. resident alien. If the child was adopted, see Exception to citizen test, below.)	If YES, go to Step 4. If NO, you can't claim the child tax credit or the credit for other dependents for this child.
4	Was the child under age 17 at the end of 2023?	If YES, go to Step 5. If NO, you can claim the credit for other dependents for this child.
5	Does this child have a Social Security Number valid for employment issued before the due date of the return (including extensions)?	If YES, you can claim the child tax credit for this person. Use Schedule 8812 to calculate the credit. If NO, you can claim the credit for other dependents for this child.



Amount of the Credit

- The amount of the credit may be reduced if the taxpayer's:
 - MAGI is above the limits for the taxpayer's filing status
 - Tax liability less the majority of the nonrefundable credits is less than the maximum child tax credit



Calculating the Credit

- Schedule 8812 is the only document used to calculate the credit, replacing the worksheets in Pub 972
- TaxSlayer will automatically calculate the credit, provided you have correctly completed the:
 - Form 1040 through the retirement savings contribution credit line
 - Part I of Form 5695, and Schedule R

Additional Child Tax Credit


- Taxpayers who do not get the full \$2,000 of the child tax credit may qualify for the refundable additional child tax credit
- For taxpayers with earned income over \$2,500, the credit is based on the lesser of:
 - 15% of the taxpayer's earned income that is more than \$2,500 or
 - The amount of unused child tax credit
- Review [Pub 4012](#), Tab G, Nonrefundable Credits, Additional Child Tax Credit General Eligibility


Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) – General Eligibility


The child tax credit is generally a nonrefundable credit; however, certain taxpayers may be entitled to a refundable additional child tax credit:

- Taxpayers with more than \$2,500 of taxable earned income may be eligible for the additional child tax credit if they have at least one qualifying child.
- Taxpayers with three or more children may also be eligible for additional child tax credit regardless of their income.
- Limited to \$1,600 per qualifying child.

 The IRS cannot issue refunds before mid-February for returns that claim the earned income credit (EIC) or the ACTC.

 Taxpayers may not file an amended return to retroactively claim the additional child tax credit for a qualifying child if a valid SSN for the child is issued after the due date of the tax return.

 (International Certification only) If you claim the foreign earned income exclusion, the housing exclusion, or the housing deduction on Form 2555, you can't claim the additional child tax credit.

 See Disallowance of Certain Credits in Tab I, Earned Income Credit, if the taxpayer received a letter saying they had to complete Form 8862.



Credit for Other Dependents

- There is a \$500 credit for other dependents who do not qualify for the \$2,000 child tax credit
- The dependent must be a U.S citizen, U.S. national, or resident of the U.S. The dependent must have a valid identification number (ATIN, ITIN, or SSN).
- The \$500 non-refundable credit covers dependents who don't qualify for the child tax credit, such as:
 - Children who are age 17 and above or dependents with other relationships (such as elderly parents)
 - Taxpayers cannot claim the credit for themselves (or a spouse if Married Filing Jointly)

Avoiding Common Errors

- A thorough interview and accurate entries on the intake and interview sheet are critical to correctly identify all eligible children
- Note any unusual situations on the intake and interview sheet

List the names below of everyone who lived with you last year (except your spouse) AND anyone you supported but did not live with you last year.					Answer Yes or No (Y/N)				To be completed by certified volunteer (Refer to Pub 4012 Tab C)		
Name (first, last)	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to you (son, daughter, parent, none, etc.)	Number of months lived in your home in 2024	Single or Married as of 12/31/2024 (S/M)	A U.S. Citizen	Resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico	Full-time student	Totally and permanently disabled	Qualifying child dependent	Qualifying relative dependent	Provides tax benefits (HOH, EITC, CTC, etc.)

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Summary

- Child tax credit allows taxpayers to claim a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per child.
- When the dependent is not eligible for the child tax credit, they may be eligible for the nonrefundable \$500 credit for other dependents.
- The qualifying child must have a valid SSN by the due date of the return including extensions. To claim the credit for other dependents, the dependent must have a valid identification number (ATIN, ITIN, or SSN) by the due date of the return including extensions.
- If taxpayers claim the child tax credit or additional child tax credit but are not eligible for the credit, they can be banned from claiming the credit for either two or ten years.