

**INCOME TAX INFORMATION AND FREE HELP
FOR TAX YEAR 2009 - FILING DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2009**

The 2009 EITC ASSISTANT

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html>

FREE ON-LINE FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING INFORMATION

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>

HOW MUCH Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) MIGHT I GET?

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=150513,00.html>

EXEMPTIONS AND DEPENDENTS, INFORMATION YOU NEED

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=202335,00.html>

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILD TAX CREDIT AND THE ADDITIONAL CHILD TAX CREDIT?

The IRS has a nifty program to help you understand these IMPORTANT CREDITS at

http://www.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/student/how_s_mod08.jsp

HOW SHOULD YOU FILE? MFJ, MFS, SINGLE, HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, QUALIFYING WIDOW WITH A DEPENDENT? GO HERE :

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=105098,00.html>

FREE AARP TAX-AID PREPARATION FOR LOW-INCOME AND SENIOR TAXPAYERS:

IN GREENVILLE: https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/taxaide_locator.jsp

IN COLUMBIA: https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/taxaide_locator.jsp

IN CHARLESTON: https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/taxaide_locator.jsp

TO FIND OTHER FREE TAX PREPARATION SITES GO HERE :

https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/tax_aid_locator.jsp

To find the nearest VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARATION (VITA) SITE, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. It is a free call, and the tax preparation is also free.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- REFUND ANTICIPATION LOANS (RALs) are loans at a very high-interest and can significantly reduce your Tax Refund.
- If you are a FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER, you may be eligible for UP TO \$7500 in TAX CREDIT, but keep in mind that this is a NO-INTEREST LOAN that you must pay back to the IRS later.
- To file IRS Form 4868 for an AUTOMATIC EXTENSION click <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4868.pdf> but remember you must pay any anticipated tax owed when you file this form.

For assistance with a TAX CONTROVERSY if the IRS has found an error in your Tax Return, call South Carolina Legal Services 1-888-346-5592. The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic may be able to help.