

**Form 1040 Instructions, Step 5, Earned Income
EIC WORKSHEET B – LINE 4a**

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Earned income from Step 5 in the 1040/1040-SR instructions

1. Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 1 amount 1. _____
2. If member of clergy, amount from line 1 also reported on
Schedule SE, line 2 2. _____
3. If church employee, amount from line 1 also reported
on Schedule SE, line 5a 3. _____
4. Taxable scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on
a Form W-2 4. _____
5. Amount received for work performed while an inmate
in a penal institution 5. _____
6. Amount received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified
deferred compensation plan (Form W-2, box 11) 6. _____
7. Amount of excluded Medicaid waiver payments that were included in wages 7. _____
8. Other adjustment _____ 8. _____
9. Total of line 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 9. _____
10. Subtract line 9 from line 1 10. _____
11. Nontaxable combat pay if elected to include in
earned income 11. _____
12. **Total earned income.** Add lines 10 and 11. **Step 5 total:** 12. _____

Worksheet A or Worksheet B:

Were you self-employed at any time in 2020, or are you filing a Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income, or are you filing Schedule C as a statutory employee?

NO - Use ETIC Worksheet A

YES - Use EITC Worksheet B

2020 WORKSHEET A, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC) – LINE 27

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Before you begin: ● Be sure you are using the correct worksheet. Use this worksheet **only** if you answered "No" to Step 5, question 2, in the instructions. Otherwise, use Worksheet B.

PART 1

All Filers Using Worksheet A

1. Enter your earned income from Step 5

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2. Look up the amount on line 1 above in the EIC Table in the instructions 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, **STOP**. You can't take the credit.
Enter "No" on the dotted line next to Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 27. _____

3. Enter the amount from Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11

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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 \$8,800 (\$14,700 if married filing jointly)?
● 1 or more qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$19,350 (\$25,250 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 in the instructions 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 1040 or 1040-SR, line 27.

Reminder -
If you have a qualifying child, complete and attach Schedule EIC.

Caution: If your EIC for a year after 1996 was reduced or disallowed, see the instructions to find out if you must file Form 8862 to take the credit for 2020.