

An Introduction

The City of Miami looks to make this year's tax preparation season better than ever, and aims to help even more residents. A city thrives when its residents thrive. As tax time approaches, the City of Miami strongly believes in reminding all working families of the **FREE** services it provides for residents who need assistance with tax preparation. Also, all residents should be aware of the opportunity they have to save a portion (or all) of their refund for the future. We hope you will take advantage of one of the **FREE** tax preparation offers detailed here!

What is the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit is a tax benefit for low to moderate-income working families, as well as a small benefit for childless workers with very low wages. It was created to help those people who work full-time but still struggle to make ends meet.

Workers who do not owe taxes can also get cash back from the EITC program by filing federal income tax returns. Please speak to a certified tax preparer at one of the **FREE** locations noted here to see if you are eligible.



neighborhood enhancement team

NET offices are open
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Allapattah NET (Curtis Park)
1901 NW 24th Ave.
Miami, FL 33142
Tel: 305-575-5128

Downtown NET
900 South Miami Ave., Suite # 183,
Miami, FL 33133
Tel: 786-472-5939

Coconut Grove NET
3310-A Mary Street
Miami, FL 33133
Tel: 305-960-4670

Coral Way NET
1415 SW 32nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33145
Tel: 305-960-5131

Flagami/West Flagler NET
5135 NW 7th St.
Miami, FL 33134
Tel: 305-960-2890

Little Haiti/Edison NET
6301 N.E. 2nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33126
Tel: 305-960-4660

Little Havana NET
151 N.W. 27th Ave.
Miami, FL 33125
Tel: 305-960-4650

Model City NET
1000 NW 62nd St.
Miami, FL 33150
Tel: 305-795-2303

Overtown NET
1490 NW 3rd Ave., #112-B
Miami, FL 33136
Tel: 305-372-4550

Upper Eastside NET
6599 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33138
Tel: 305-795-2330

Wynwood Net
101 N.W. 34th St.
Miami, FL 33127
Tel: 305-960-2904

SUPER SITES

Jose Marti Park
(Gymnasium Office)
351 S.W. 4th St.
Miami, FL 33130
Walk-in or Call 311

Corpus Christi
Community Service Center
730 NW 34th St.
Miami, Florida 33127
Walk-in or Call 311

For more information about tax preparation or other ACCESS Miami services, please visit ACCESSMiamiJobs.com or call 311

FREE TAX PREPARATION
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FOR CITY RESIDENTS

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IRS

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The Benefit Bank

An official
ACCESS Miami program.



Tax Preparation Assistance

City of Miami Super Sites

Each year the City of Miami partners with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to offer **FREE** tax preparation at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) super sites. These locations offer **FREE** tax preparation services with convenient hours for all City residents.

Super sites are staffed by volunteer tax preparers who have been trained to answer questions and prepare residents' returns. These sites are open from late January through mid-April each year on weeknights and Saturdays. Additional **FREE** tax preparation sites near you are open on weekdays and on Saturdays (see back panel).^{*} If you have any questions regarding the City's free tax sites, please call 311.

^{}Days and times subject to change. Call 311 for more locations and times.*

What do you need to bring to a tax preparation session?

- > Valid picture identification card
- > Last year's tax return

- > W-2 and/or 1099 forms for you, your spouse and children
- > Social Security Numbers or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) cards for you, your spouse and children
- > Child care provider name and tax I.D. number, if applicable
- > Bank account number and routing number, if you want direct deposit of your refund check
- > Education Credit forms, if applicable (1098T and 1098E)

The Benefit Bank (TBB)

The City of Miami will offer another **FREE** tax assistance option at all 11 Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) offices throughout the City, known as The Benefit Bank (TBB). TBB is an internet-based service for low and moderate-income working families and individuals that can help increase their incomes dramatically. By entering basic information, a user can have their taxes completed, and use the same program to apply and determine eligibility for other state/federal benefits he/she might qualify for, including:

- > Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- > Child Tax Credit (CTC)

> Student Aid - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

> Voters Registration

TBB is also offered at select faith-based and community-based organizations. Call 311 for a location near you.

How does The Benefit Bank work?

Individuals ("clients") sit side by side with counselors who assist them with entering vital information into an internet-based system.

Once the client provides all the necessary information, TBB completes the tax return or other benefit application and submits electronic applications, or prints out paper applications. TBB remembers all the client information, so it does not need to be reentered. On average, a TBB tax preparation session takes only 40 minutes, so feel free to call the NET office nearest you to schedule a tax assistance preparation appointment.

Can immigrants claim the EITC?

Yes, legal immigrants who have a Social Security Number which allows them to work in the U.S. can claim the credit if they meet all the eligibility requirements. Immigrant workers must establish legal residency in the U.S. and live here for the entire tax year in order to qualify. To be considered, qualifying children must have lived in the U.S. with the taxpayer for at least six months of the current tax year.

Call 311 for more information