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New Child Income Tax Credit available to taxpayers for the first time
Tax filing season opens Monday, January 29

SANTA FE—The Taxation and Revenue Department on Monday began accepting 2023 New Mexico Personal Income Tax returns.

Starting this year, New Mexico families will be able to claim a new child tax credit that can be worth up to \$600 per qualifying child. The credit gradually decreases in value as income rises. This new child tax credit is expected to provide an estimated \$180 million total to 292,000 families statewide.

“We know child tax credits reduce childhood poverty, so this is another critical step to lift up New Mexico families,” said Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.

The credit is refundable, ensuring that taxpayers receive the full value even if it exceeds their tax liability.

“We’re very excited about this new credit, which will provide more financial stability for thousands of New Mexico families,” said Taxation and Revenue Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke.

Paper returns are due this year on April 15. Taxpayers who file and pay electronically have until April 30.

Taxpayers are encouraged to file early and electronically, either through a commercial service or directly on the Department’s [Taxpayer Access Point](#) (TAP) website for free. Filing electronically minimizes delays in processing and results in faster refunds. Filing early lessens the chances of being affected by a fraudulent return being filed in your name.

The special rebates and relief payments issued by the Taxation and Revenue Department in 2023 do not need to be declared as income for New Mexico income tax purposes. However, the rebates may have federal income tax implications for taxpayers

who itemize on their federal returns rather than claiming the standard federal deduction. Those taxpayers who itemize on their federal return should have received a form 1099-G from the Department with the amount of their rebates and any state tax refunds.

A variety of refundable rebates and credits are available to low- and moderate-income New Mexicans that can substantially reduce tax liability and increase refunds. Taxpayers should be sure to read the Personal Income Tax instructions carefully to see if they qualify for such programs as the Working Families Tax Credit, the Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate and others.

Even New Mexicans who aren't required to file an income tax return because they are below the IRS income threshold may find it beneficial to file a state return. Refundable credits and rebates such as the Property Tax Rebate for low-income seniors and the Medical Care Credit may result in tax refunds even for residents who have had no tax withheld during the year.

The Department may reach out to taxpayers by mail to verify Personal Income Tax returns to combat identity theft. It will not contact taxpayers by phone unsolicited, except when conducting collection efforts. Once the requested information is received, confirming identity can add 6 to 8 weeks to processing time.

Personal Income Tax forms and instructions are available at tax.newmexico.gov in the Income Taxes folder on the [Forms & Publications](#) page.

Paper forms will be available in Taxation and Revenue district offices and in many libraries throughout the state. In Albuquerque, forms will be available in the lobby of the Taxation and Revenue Department's Copper Pointe Office at 10500 Copper Ave. NE. They also may be ordered by calling 1-866-285-2996.

Tax preparation help for low-income New Mexicans is available through the AARP and Tax Help New Mexico, along with some senior citizen centers and social service agencies. The AARP-Foundation can be reached at https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/. Tax Help New Mexico can be reached at 505-224-5997.

A [list of other agencies](#) that provide filing assistance is available at tax.newmexico.gov.

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The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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