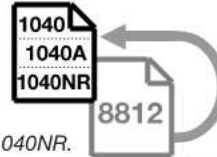


**Additional Child Tax Credit**



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)  
Name(s) shown on return

Complete and attach to Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040NR.

Your social security number

**Part I All Filers**

- 1 1040 filers:** Enter the amount from line 6 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet (see the Instructions for Form 1040, line 51).
- 1040A filers:** Enter the amount from line 6 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet (see the Instructions for Form 1040A, line 33).
- 1040NR filers:** Enter the amount from line 6 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet (see the Instructions for Form 1040NR, line 48).

If you used Pub. 972, enter the amount from line 8 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in the publication.

- 2** Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 51, Form 1040A, line 33, or Form 1040NR, line 48 . . . . . **2**
- 3** Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero, **stop**; you cannot take this credit . . . . . **3**
- 4a** Earned income (see instructions on back) . . . . . **4a**
- b** Nontaxable combat pay (see instructions on back) . . . . . **4b**
- 5** Is the amount on line 4a more than \$3,000?  
 **No.** Leave line 5 blank and enter -0- on line 6.  
 **Yes.** Subtract \$3,000 from the amount on line 4a. Enter the result . . . . . **5**
- 6** Multiply the amount on line 5 by 15% (.15) and enter the result . . . . . **6**  
**Next.** Do you have three or more qualifying children?  
 **No.** If line 6 is zero, stop; you cannot take this credit. Otherwise, skip Part II and enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 6 on line 13.  
 **Yes.** If line 6 is equal to or more than line 3, skip Part II and enter the amount from line 3 on line 13. Otherwise, go to line 7.

**Part II Certain Filers Who Have Three or More Qualifying Children**

- 7** Withheld social security and Medicare taxes from Form(s) W-2, boxes 4 and 6. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours. If you worked for a railroad, see instructions on back . . . . . **7**
- 8 1040 filers:** Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 27 and 57, plus any taxes that you identified using code "UT" and entered on line 60.  
**1040A filers:** Enter -0-.  
**1040NR filers:** Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040NR, lines 27 and 55, plus any taxes that you identified using code "UT" and entered on line 59. . . . . **8**
- 9** Add lines 7 and 8 . . . . . **9**
- 10 1040 filers:** Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 64a and 69.  
**1040A filers:** Enter the total of the amount from Form 1040A, line 38a, plus any excess social security and tier 1 RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of line 41 (see instructions on back).  
**1040NR filers:** Enter the amount from Form 1040NR, line 65. . . . . **10**
- 11** Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . . **11**
- 12** Enter the **larger** of line 6 or line 11 . . . . . **12**  
**Next,** enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 12 on line 13.

**Part III Additional Child Tax Credit**

- 13 This is your additional child tax credit** . . . . . **13**

Enter this amount on  
Form 1040, line 65,  
Form 1040A, line 39, or  
Form 1040NR, line 63.



## Instructions

### What's New

**Future developments.** The IRS has created a page on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) for information about Form 8812 and its instructions, at [www.irs.gov/form8812](http://www.irs.gov/form8812). Information about any future developments affecting Form 8812 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8812 to figure your additional child tax credit. The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

### Who Should Use Form 8812

First, complete the Child Tax Credit Worksheet that applies to you. See the instructions for Form 1040, line 51, Form 1040A, line 33, or Form 1040NR, line 48. If you meet the condition given in the *TIP* at the end of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet, use Form 8812 to see if you can take the additional child tax credit.

### Effect of Credit on Welfare Benefits

Any refund you receive as a result of taking the additional child tax credit will not be used to determine if you are eligible for the following programs, or how much you can receive from them. But if the refund you receive because of the additional child tax credit is not spent within a certain period of time, it may count as an asset (or resource) and affect your eligibility.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Medicaid and supplemental security income (SSI).
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) and low-income housing.
- Any other benefits or assistance under any federal programs or under any state or local program financed in whole or in part with federal funds.

### Nontaxable Combat Pay

Enter on line 4b the total amount of nontaxable combat pay that you, and your spouse if filing jointly, received in 2011. This amount should be shown in Form W-2, box 12, with code Q.

### Railroad Employees

If you worked for a railroad, include the following taxes in the total on Form 8812, line 7.

- Tier 1 tax withheld from your pay. This tax should be shown in box 14 of your Form(s) W-2 and identified as "Tier 1 tax."
- If you were an employee representative, 50% of the total tier 1 tax you paid for 2011.

### 1040A Filers

If you, or your spouse if filing jointly, had more than one employer for 2011 and total wages of over \$106,800, figure any excess social security and tier 1 railroad retirement (RRTA) taxes withheld. See Pub. 505. Include any excess on Form 8812, line 10.

## Earned Income Chart—Line 4a

IF you...	AND you...	THEN enter on line 4a...
have net earnings from self-employment	use either optional method to figure those net earnings	the amount figured using Pub. 972.
are taking the EIC on Form 1040, line 64a, or Form 1040A, line 38a	completed Worksheet B of the EIC instructions in your Form 1040 instructions	your earned income from Worksheet B, line 4b, plus all of your nontaxable combat pay if you did not elect to include it in earned income for the EIC. If you were a member of the clergy, subtract (a) the rental value of a home or the nontaxable portion of an allowance for a home furnished to you (including payments for utilities), and (b) the value of meals and lodging provided to you, your spouse, and your dependents for your employer's convenience.
	did not complete Worksheet B or filed Form 1040A	your earned income from Step 5 of the EIC instructions in your tax return instructions, plus all of your nontaxable combat pay if you did not elect to include it in earned income for the EIC.
are not taking the EIC	were self-employed, or you are filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income, or you are filing Schedule C or C-EZ as a statutory employee	the amount figured using Pub. 972.
	are not self-employed or filing Schedule SE, C, or C-EZ for the above reasons	your earned income figured as follows: Line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A, or line 8 of Form 1040NR Subtract, if included on line 7 (line 8 for Form 1040NR), any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxable scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on a Form W-2.</li> <li>• Amount received for work performed while an inmate in a penal institution (put "PRI" and the amount subtracted in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or 1040A (line 8 for Form 1040NR)).</li> <li>• Amount received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (put "DFC" and the amount subtracted in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A (line 8 for Form 1040NR)). This amount may be shown in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity.</li> <li>• Amount from Form 2555, line 43, or Form 2555-EZ, line 18.</li> </ul> Add all your nontaxable combat pay from Form(s) W-2, box 12, with code Q

**Earned income =**