

Taxes-related Resources

Section 1:

Internal Revenue Service

<http://www.irs.gov/>

The IRS reaches out with detailed information for both English, and Spanish-speakers, providing a mirror site in Spanish (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/espanol/index.html>). Scroll down this page of “Tax Information for Individuals”

(<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/index.html>) to find a link to details about ITINs in both English and Spanish. Spanish-speakers may find the W-7SP on this page

(<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw7sp.pdf>). All forms, including the W-7 as well as the 1040 and W-4 Withholding forms, may be accessed from the “Forms and Publications” page (<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html>).

Fact Sheet on Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN)

<http://www.nelp.org/site/publications/>

Source: *National Employment Law Project*

On this page of publications relating to “Immigrants and Work,” the National Employment Law Project offers this fact sheet outlining ITINs, how to obtain a taxpayer identification number, its uses, application process, and where to find assistance. It also provides quick links to the proper forms in Spanish.

ITIN

<http://www.latinoccu.org/en/products/services/itin>

Source: *Cooperativa Latino Credit Union*

The Latino Community Credit Union, a non-profit financial institution that provides assistance, support, and education, hosts this page with information about ITINs. It explains what identification and documents can be used to apply, and answers frequently asked questions, with a linked section that takes visitors directly to resources such as forms. Their “Financial Education Materials” curriculum section also features an “Introduction to Taxes” unit.

Section 2:

I Take Credit

<http://www.irs-eitc.info/>

Source: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The IRS hosts this site, devoted to providing information and assistance about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The “EITC Assistant,” available in either English or Spanish, helps determine whether an individual or family is eligible for this tax credit. There is also a Spanish version of the site: <http://www.irs-eitc.info/spanish/>

Child Tax Credit

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=121434,00.html>

Source: *Internal Revenue Service*

These IRS pages feature links to information about the Child Tax Credit, including handouts and forms in both English and Spanish for determining if a family is eligible.

Outreach Materials: Earned Income Tax Credit

http://www.economicprogress.org/index.php/c/Outreach_Materials

Source: Center for Economic Progress

The CEP, a non-profit based in IL, provides outreach materials to help lower-wage families with financial and tax-related issues. One of these .pdf files is “Earned Income Tax Credit: An Overview” and another is directly intended for immigrants, “How to Get an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.” The Center also offers both English and Spanish tax assistance in the Chicago area.

EITC: It’s Your Money. Come and Get It!

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/initiatives/eitc.shtml>

Source: New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

Though presented by New York City’s Department of Consumer Affairs and containing some New York specific materials, there is a great deal of information useful to all about the EITC and taxes in general. This includes “EITC Information in 12 Languages,” IRS information, and information about tax assistance and services.

Take the Money. You’ve Earned It!

<http://www.dceitc.org/>

Source: *DC EITC Campaign*

Our nation’s capital hosts this campaign to help inform and educate taxpayers about the EITC. Some of the information, including where to receive bilingual tax assistance, is specific to the District of Columbia. However, there are sections relevant to all taxpayers, with a section on “Spanish Language Resources.”

Section 3:

Taxpayer Assistance Centers

<http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html>

Source: Internal Revenue Service

Tax Assistance Centers (TACs) assist people with tax-related questions, often in both English and Spanish. Use this page to obtain help by phone, or to locate your local office, using either the interactive state map, or search by city or zip code. Also, visit the “Taxpayer Advocate Services” page (<http://www.irs.gov/advocate/index.html>). Taxpayer advocates are available in IRS offices in 48 states, for help resolving problems or disputes with the IRS. Low Income Taxpayer Clinics offer help resolving tax issues for

low-income individuals, as well as education and outreach for persons whose native language is not English (search by zip code, or clicking the interactive map).

Technical Assistance Resource Library: Serving Immigrant and Bilingual Clients

<http://www.tax-coalition.org/immigrant.htm>

Source: National Community Tax Coalition

This site is designed to support service organizations and programs in local communities, working with low and moderate-income families. Three main sections highlight: Outreach to Bilingual Populations, Bilingual Letters and Forms, and Individual Taxpayer Assistance Numbers (and include templates in Spanish for outreach). There is also a page dedicated to starting a coalition in your community (<http://www.tax-coalition.org/buildcoal.htm>).

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

<http://www.vita-volunteers.org/index.htm>

This group, working from Santa Clara County, CA, provides an overview and related resources for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Some of the information is regional; however, there are links with material of general assistance, such as tax forms, training materials, and information for coordinators (some available in Spanish). The site provides a link to the IRS's "Link and Learn" Web pages (<http://www.irs.gov/app/vita/index.jsp>), which prepares volunteers to work at a VITA location, and gives general support for returning VITA volunteers.

General links of interest:

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Real Life 101: Uncle Sam and Other Relatives

http://www.libraryvisit.org/smartmoney_reallife101_unclesam.htm

Source: Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County

This Ohio library collects a very helpful group of links covering many tax-related issues, such as EITC, low income taxpayer assistance and taxpayer assistance center locator, forms, taxpayer advocate service, etc. Some of these are available in Spanish. Also includes regional information on tax assistance.