

Welfare Benefits And Tax Credits Handbook

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a tax credit is a tax incentive which allows certain taxpayers to subtract the amount of the credit from the total taxes they owe this book explores some of the different tax credits that are currently available including credits for child and dependent care adoption benefits energy and housing credits and income and work credits chapter 1 provides an overview of the child tax credit under current law including temporary changes made by the 2017 tax revision there are two tax provisions that subsidize the child and dependent care expenses of working parents the child and dependent care tax credit cdctc and the exclusion for employer sponsored child and dependent care chapter 2 provides a general overview of these two tax benefits focusing on eligibility requirements and benefit calculation chapter 3 first briefly summarizes key components of the cdctc including reviewing eligibility requirements and how the credit is calculated it then provides estimates of selected characteristics of families such as income number of children marital status and child care expenses that claim the credit and where appropriate

contrasts them with families that do not claim the credit chapter 4 focuses on federal adoption tax benefits which consist of an adoption tax credit and an income tax exclusion for employer provided adoption assistance chapter 5 explores one policy option for promoting residential energy efficiency tax credits it begins by providing an overview of the current residential energy efficiency tax credits it then goes on to provide an economic rationale for residential energy efficiency tax incentives introducing the concept of market failures and market barriers which may lead to suboptimal or economically inefficient investment in energy efficiency technologies chapter 6 provides a brief overview of the renewable electricity ptc the first section describes the credit the second section provides a legislative history the third section presents data on ptc claims and discusses the revenue consequences of the credit the fourth section briefly considers some of the economic and policy considerations related to the credit the chapter concludes by briefly noting policy options related to the ptc the low income housing tax credit lihtc program is one of the federal governments primary policy tools for encouraging the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing as discussed in chapter 7 these nonrefundable federal housing tax credits are awarded to developers of qualified rental projects via a competitive application process administered by state housing finance authorities chapter 8 provides both an in depth description of the american opportunity tax credit aotc and an analysis of its economic impact this chapter is organized to first provide an overview of the aotc followed by a legislative history that highlights the evolution of education tax credits from proposals in the 1960s through the recent permanent extension of the aotc at the end of 2015 this chapter then analyzes the credit by looking at who claims the credit the effect education tax credits have on increasing attendance at higher education institutions and administrative issues with the aotc finally this chapter concludes with a brief overview of various policy options chapter 9 provides a general overview of the earned income tax credit eitc the chapter then summarizes

the key legislative changes to the credit and provides analysis of some of the congressional intentions behind these changes chapter 10 looks at the work opportunity tax credit wotc the wotc is a provision of the internal revenue code that allows employers that hire individuals with certain personal characteristics including veterans recipients of certain public benefits or other specified populations to claim a tax credit equal to a portion of the wages paid to those individuals

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analyzes the effectiveness of the earned income tax credit in the united states and offers suggestions for how it can be improved

education tax credits were introduced as a new subsidy for higher education in 1997 and have cost on average 4 6 billion a year in lost tax revenue since their enactment the introduction of the hope credit and the lifetime learning credit marked a dramatic increase in education spending through tax expenditures prior to 1997 tax incentives for higher education expenses totalled less than 2 billion in estimated lost revenue the education tax credit program expanded the number of federal agencies involved in education policy making and increased the complexity and cost of administering the income tax system this book provides analysis of the education tax

credit program in the context of issues facing congress in regard to higher education this report begins with a review of the economic rationale for subsidising education then describes federal subsidies for education in general and the education tax credits in particular an analysis of the education credits follows and the report concludes with a discussion of education tax credit policy options the taxpayer relief act of 1997 established two permanent federal income tax credits effective since tax year 1998 for qualified post secondary education expenses the hope scholarship credit and the lifetime learning credit the economic growth and tax relief reconciliation act of 2001 created a temporary higher education tax deduction beginning in 2002 the hope credit was introduced to help ensure that students have access to the first two years of undergraduate education the lifetime learning credit and tuition and fees deduction provide support for students in any year of undergraduate and graduate study they are unique in that they are available to individuals taking occasional courses only one of the three tax benefits may be taken in the same tax year for the same eligible student s qualified expenses key features of the credits and deduction dictate who the provisions benefit and the value of assistance they confer among these are the non refundable nature of the credits i e persons must have income tax liabilities and the liabilities must exceed the maximum amount of the credits in order to claim their full value the deduction s availability whether or not taxpayers take itemised deductions and the statutory limits on benefit amounts and on taxpayers income accordingly middle and upper middle income individuals are the targeted beneficiaries of these tax incentives all three benefits apply to the tuition and fees required for enrolment that are not offset by grant aid e g qualified scholarships and other tax benefits e g coverdell education savings accounts and section 529 plans the hope credit has had a maximum value of 1 500 per student since its inception the lifetime learning credit 2 000 per return since 2003

the united states introduced the earned income tax credit eitc in 1975 where it remains the most significant earnings based refundable credit in the internal revenue code while the united states was the first country to use its domestic revenue system to deliver and administer social welfare benefits to lower income individuals or families a number of other countries including new zealand and canada have experimented with or incorporated similar credits into their tax systems in this work michelle lyon drumbl drawing on her extensive advocacy experience representing low income taxpayers in eitc audits analyzes the effectiveness of the eitc in the united states and offers suggestions for how it can be improved this timely book should be read by anyone interested in how the eitc can be reimaged to better serve the working poor and more generally whether the tax system can promote social justice

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each year the federal individual income tax delivers over 500 billion worth of incentives intended to encourage socially beneficial activities despite their efficiency rationale and substantial price tag relatively little attention has been paid to the question of what is the most efficient form for these tax incentives currently the vast majority operate through deductions or exclusions which link the size of the tax benefit to the taxpayer s marginal tax bracket this article argues that uniform refundable credits are a more efficient approach for tax incentives intended to correct for positive externalities absent evidence that externalities or elasticities associated with the subsidized

activity vary by income class this conclusion holds even if no positive externalities are present moreover even when evidence of differences in externalities or elasticities does exist the most efficient subsidy is almost certainly still some type of refundable credit the efficiency benefits of refundable credits are further magnified by their tendency to automatically smooth household income and macroeconomic demand this article therefore proposes a dramatic change in how the government should provide tax incentives for socially valued activities the default for all such tax incentives should be a uniform refundable tax credit this article also considers the arguments of refundable credit opponents it concludes that concerns based on administrative and compliance costs are generally overstated in addition it finds that the vast majority of those who benefit from current law refundable credits have positive income tax liability over time refundable credits are thus frequently the rough justice equivalent of allowing carryovers and carrybacks which are common in other parts of the tax code the article therefore argues that the objection that tax incentives should not be structured as refundable credits because all americans should pay some income tax is not only conceptually problematic it is generally empirically unpersuasive on its own terms

the american opportunity tax credit aotc enacted on a temporary basis by the american recovery and reinvestment act arra p l 111 5 and extended through the end of 2012 by the tax relief unemployment insurance reauthorization and job creation act of 2010 p l 111 312 is a partially refundable tax credit that provides financial assistance to taxpayers who are attending college or whose children are attending college the credit worth up to 2 500 per student can be claimed for a student s first four years of post secondary education in addition 40 of the credit up to 1 000 can be received as a refund by taxpayers with little or no tax liability the credit phases out for taxpayers with income between 80 000 and 90 000 160 000 and 180 000 for married couples filing jointly and is hence unavailable to taxpayers with income above 90 000 180 000 for married couples filing jointly there are a variety of

other eligibility requirements associated with the aotc including the type of degree the student is pursuing the number of courses the student is taking and the type of expenses which qualify prior to the enactment of the aotc there were two permanent education tax credits the hope credit and the lifetime learning credit the aotc temporarily replaced the hope credit from 2009 through the end of 2012 the lifetime learning credit remains unchanged a comparison of these two credits indicates that the aotc is both larger on a per capita and aggregate basis and more widely available in comparison to the hope credit data from the internal revenue service irs indicates that enactment of the aotc contributed to a more than doubling of the amount of education credits claimed by taxpayers education tax credits were intended to provide federal financial assistance to students from middle income families who may not benefit from other forms of traditional student aid like pell grants the enactment of the aotc reflected a desire to continue to provide substantial financial assistance to students from middle income families while also expanding the credit to certain lower and upper income students a distributional analysis of the aotc highlights that this benefit is targeted to the middle class with more than half 53 of the estimated 16 billion of aotcs in 2009 going to taxpayers with income between 30 000 and 100 000 one of the primary goals of education tax credits including the aotc is to increase college attendance studies analyzing the impact education tax incentives have had on college attendance are mixed recent research that has focused broadly on education tax incentives that lower tuition costs and have been in effect for several years including the hope and lifetime learning credits found that while these credits did increase attendance by approximately 7 93 of recipients of these benefits would have attended college in their absence even though the aotc differs from the hope credit in key ways there are a variety of factors that suggest this provision may also have a limited impact on increasing college attendance in addition a recent report from the treasury department s inspector general for

tax administration tigta identified several compliance issues with the aotc there are a variety of policy options congress may consider regarding the aotc including extending the credit extending a modified aotc or repealing the hope and lifetime credits and extending a modified aotc that includes provisions included in these credits alternatively congress may want to examine alternative ways to reduce the cost of higher education

a straightforward guide to taking tax breaks and deductions on your 2012 tax return completely revised to reflect important changes in this year s tax laws j k lasser s 1001 deductions tax breaks 2013 will help you take advantage of every tax break and deduction that you may be entitled to this comprehensive guide is clearly organized by subject matter so you can easily find situations that may apply to you each tax benefit is also clearly explained along with the eligibility requirements for claiming the benefit while planning tips and common pitfalls associated with the benefit in question are discussed in detail new tax law alerts are also included throughout the book so you can make the most informed decisions possible discusses deductions and tax breaks with regard to your family home car job investments retirement medical expenses charitable giving health coverage and much more packed with hundreds of updated examples practical advice and real world examples explains tax changes that are set to apply after 2012 that may affect your planning decisions includes a free online supplement at jklasser com which contains up to the minute tax law changes other titles by barbara weltman j k lasser s small business taxes 2013 filled with in depth insights and expert advice j k lasser s 1001 deductions tax breaks 2013 is a book every taxpayer should own

the earned income tax credit eitc or eic began in 1975 as a temporary program to return a portion of the social security tax paid by lower income taxpayers the credit was and remains calculated as a percentage of earned

income with no direct link to social security taxes paid by the tax filer and was made permanent in 1978 in the 1990s the program became a major component of federal efforts to reduce poverty and is now the largest need tested anti poverty cash entitlement program childless adults in 2011 the latest year for which data are available received an average eitc of 264 families with one child received an average eitc of 2 199 families with two children received an average eitc of 3 469 and families with three or more children received an average eitc of 3 750 a low income worker must file an annual income tax return to receive the eitc and meet certain requirements for income and age a tax filer cannot be a dependent of another tax filer and must be a resident of the united states unless overseas because of military duty the eitc is based on income and whether the tax filer has a qualifying child the eitc interacts with several nonrefundable federal tax credits to the extent lower income workers can use the credits to reduce tax liability before the eitc income from the credit is not used to determine eligibility or benefits for need tested programs the maximum earned income amounts phase out income levels disqualifying investment income level and maximum credit amounts are adjusted annually to reflect inflation the actual amount of the credit a tax filer receives is determined by the tax filer s earned income and number of qualifying children using these inflation adjusted parameters

this guide intended to introduce practitioners to the new markets tax credit is divided into distinct sections starting with a general overview of the credit its purpose and impacts

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