



# File a 2021 Tax Return to Get the Remainder of Your 2021 Child Tax Credit

Many families got up to half of their estimated **2021 Child Tax Credit** as advance payments last year. Here are **three** steps to getting the rest of your credit:

## Step 1: Review Letter 6419

- You should have received this letter in January 2022 if you received advance Child Tax Credit payments in 2021.
- It shows the amount of advance payments you received and the number of qualifying children the payments were based on.
- You or your tax preparer will use this information to figure your remaining credit accurately.
- If you misplaced your letter, you can look up your information using the IRS's **CTC Update Portal** or **Online Account**.

## Step 2: Claim the Rest of Your 2021 Child Tax Credit

- File your 2021 federal tax return and claim the Child Tax Credit, if you're eligible.
- Choose direct deposit if you're getting a refund. Make sure your bank account information is correct.

## Step 3: Get Paid!

- After you file your return, you can check on the status of your refund using the **Where's My Refund?** tool on IRS.gov or the mobile app **IRS2Go**.
- You can check within 24 hours of e-filing or within four weeks of mailing a return. Updates to the online tool are made daily, usually overnight.
- To use this tool, you need your Social Security number, filing status and the exact whole dollar amount of your refund.

## Important Information

- » Filing a tax return is the only way to get the remainder of your 2021 Child Tax Credit.
- » Electronic filing with direct deposit is the safest and fastest way to get a tax refund.
- » Many people qualify for free e-filing through **IRS Free File** or at a volunteer tax preparation site.