



# Refund Offsets: How They Affect Your Tax Credits

Refund offsets occur when the Minnesota Department of Revenue takes tax refunds to apply to tax debts or other debts we collect. This includes any refunds you may get from these refundable tax credits:

- Child Tax Credit
- Working Family Credit
- Child and Dependent Care Credit
- K-12 Education Credit
- Credit for Parents of Stillborn Children
- Refundable Credit for Tax Paid to Wisconsin

## How will I know if a refund offset occurs?

A refund offset will occur if you owe debt to any of these:

- The Minnesota Department of Revenue
- Other government agencies (including the IRS or Wisconsin state agencies)
- Other agencies who referred debts to Revenue
- Revenue Recapture claims filed with Revenue

We will send a letter explaining an offset occurred, where we applied it, and what to do if you have questions.

## Why should I file for tax credits when I owe other debts?

Your refundable credits could help reduce or pay off the debts we mentioned.

## Can I avoid having my refund offset?

If you have a financial hardship, you may be eligible to avoid an offset or have your refund returned if it was offset. For more information, call the Taxpayer Rights Advocate Office at 651-556-6013 or 1-855-452-0767.

If your refund was already applied to a debt, use this table to determine who to contact based on where we applied the refund.

Where We Applied the Refund	Agency to Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxing agencies from other states</li> <li>• Claims from other Minnesota state agencies</li> <li>• Federal tax or non-tax debt</li> </ul>	The referring agency on the letter we sent you for the offset
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minnesota state tax debt</li> <li>• Debt from other agencies</li> </ul>	The Taxpayer Rights Advocate Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: 651-556-6013 or 1-855-452-0767</li> <li>• Email: dor.tra@state.mn.us</li> </ul>

