

## Do You Need To File An Amended Return?

If you discover an error after your return has been mailed, you **may** need to amend your return. Some common errors include;

- Filing Status Error. You filed your return as “Single” and you should have filed “Head of Household”
- Income Error. You received a 1099 or W2 after you filed your return.
- Deductions or Credits. You qualify for EITC but didn’t put it on your return.

\*\*If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until after you have received the first refund to file the amended return. Once you have received your refund check then file form 1040X for the additional refund.

\*\*If you have to pay additional taxes for the current year, file Form 1040X and pay the tax by April 15 of the current year. This way you will avoid having to pay any interest or penalty.

Generally, to claim a refund, Form 1040X must be received within **3 years** from the date you filed your original return. So if you forgot to file for the EITC in 2006 you have 3 years from when you filed that return to amend it. If you filed your 2006 return on April 15, 2007 you have until April 15, 2010 to file the amended return.

You do **NOT** have to amend your return for math errors or if you forgot to include a form or a schedule. The IRS Service Center will let you know if they need more information.

If you have questions about whether you can amend past returns, we can help you figure it out! If you are not sure if the three years has expired, let us help!

**\*\*\* For More Information Contact the UULITC \*\*\***  
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