

## Special Edition Communications Alert: How to Spot Employee Retention Credit Scams

### News releases:

- **NEW:** IRS alerts businesses, tax-exempt groups of warning signs for misleading Employee Retention scams; simple steps can avoid improperly filing claims [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)
- Employee Retention Credit: Beware of too-good-to-be-true offers [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)

### e-Poster/flier to share electronically or post in your office or community:

- Publication 5792, Small Businesses & Tax-Exempt Organizations: Beware of Tax Credit Scams! [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

### ERC videos on YouTube you can share on your social media platforms or in other content:

- Don't Fall for Employee Retention Credit Scams [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

### ERC video shorts on YouTube with captions (multilingual) you can share on your social media platforms or in other content:

- Avoid schemes promoting the Employee Retention Credit [English](#) & [Spanish](#)
- Beware of adds that promise big money by claiming the Employee Retention Credit. (Note: this caption in English is for reference only) Two video shorts in 6 languages:

- **Spanish** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

Cuidado con los anuncios que prometen mucho dinero a través del crédito por retención de empleados. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- **Chinese** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

请当心不实广告. 尤其是有关员工续雇税务优惠. 查询详情 · [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- **Haitian-Creole** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

Pran prekasyon nou ak anons ki pwomèt gwo lajan Atravè kredi taks pou kenbe anplwaye a. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- **Korean** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

직원 유지 세액 공제를 통해서 큰돈을 받게해준다는 광고를 조심하십시오. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- **Russian** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

Остерегайтесь рекламы, обещающей большие деньги за счет налогового кредита на удержание сотрудников. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- **Vietnamese** [video #1](#) & [video #2](#)

Cẩn thận với những quảng cáo hứa hẹn số tiền lớn thông qua tín thuế duy trì nhân viên. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

### IRS Tax Tip for newsletters, emails or web content:

- Employers: Watch out for Employee Retention Credit scheme [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

### Ready-to-use article for newsletters, emails or web content:

- [Beware of Employee Retention Credit scammers](#)

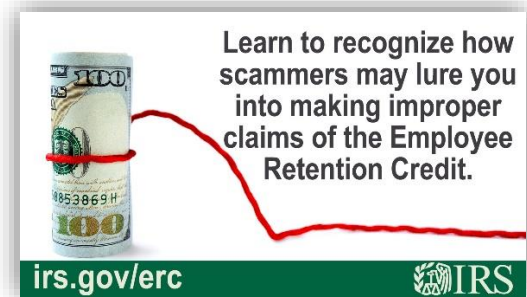
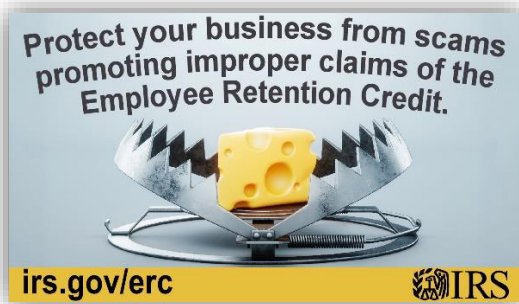
### IRS Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for radio:

- Employee Retention Credit Scam, 15 sec. [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)
  - Text transcript [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)
- Employee Retention Credit Scam, 30 sec. [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)
  - Text transcript [English](#), [Spanish](#) & [Chinese](#)

## Social media messages:

### Employee Retention Credit scams alert:

- #IRS alerts businesses and tax-exempt groups of the warning signs for misleading Employee Retention scams. Follow these simple steps to avoid improperly filing claims: <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx> #ERC #ERTC
- Business owners: Learn the signs and steps to avoid improperly filing claims involving misleading Employee Retention Credit scams. <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx>. #ERC #ERTC
- #IRS and #TaxPros continue to see a high volume of aggressive broadcast advertising, direct mail solicitations and online promotions involving the Employee Retention Credit. Find out more: <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx> #ERC #ERTC
- #IRS warns of wildly misleading claims and scams regarding the Employee Retention Credit. "The aggressive marketing of the #ERC continues preying on innocent businesses and others," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. Read more: <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx> #ERTC
- Help #IRS spread the word about misleading Employee Retention Credit scams aimed at businesses and tax-exempt groups. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx> #ERC #ERTC

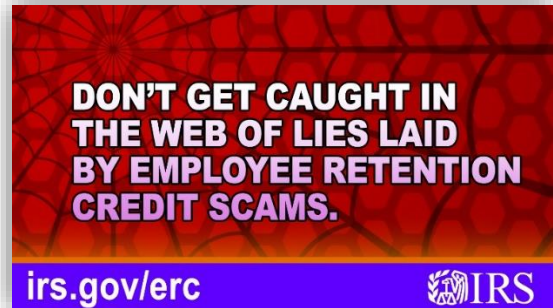


### Employee Retention Credit beware:

#### English:

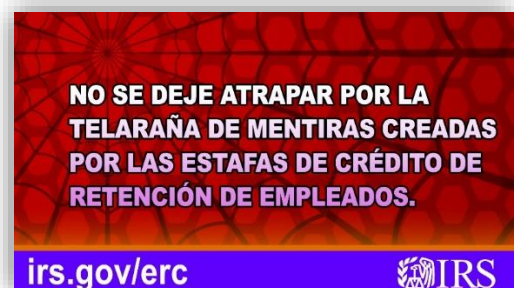
- You've probably seen those pushy ads encouraging businesses and others to claim the Employee Retention Credit. Don't fall for ERC or ERTC offers beyond the #IRS guidelines: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- The #IRS warns you about scams conning ineligible people to claim the Employee Retention Credit. Don't apply if you don't qualify: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- An #IRS reminder that this amazing tax deal may not be true! The Employee Retention Credit provides eligible employers a tax credit against certain employment taxes. ERC or ERTC offers beyond IRS guidelines may come at a high price. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- The Employee Retention Credit encouraged employers to keep employees on the payroll despite COVID-related economic hardships. Beware of ERC or ERTC offers beyond #IRS guidelines, as they could come at a high price. See: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)

- #IRS urges you not to fall for outrageous Employee Retention Credit offers that could come at a high price. Get to know the ERC or ERTC before submitting a claim: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)



#### Spanish:

- Probablemente haya visto esos anuncios agresivos que alientan a las empresas y a otros a reclamar el Crédito de retención de empleados. No se deje engañar por las ofertas de ERC o ERTC más allá de las pautas del #IRS: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- El #IRS le advierte sobre estafas que engañan a personas no elegibles para reclamar el Crédito de retención de empleados. No lo reclame si no califica: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- Recordatorio: ¡Esa increíble oferta tributaria puede no ser cierto! El Crédito de retención de empleados ofrece a empleadores elegibles un crédito tributario contra ciertos impuestos sobre la nómina. Ofertas de ERC o ERTC más allá de pautas del IRS pueden costar. [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc) #IRS
- El Crédito de retención de empleados alentó a los empleadores a mantener a los empleados en la nómina a pesar de las dificultades económicas relacionadas con COVID. Tenga cuidado con las ofertas de ERC o ERTC más allá de las pautas del #IRS. Vea: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)
- El #IRS le insta a que no se deje engañar por las escandalosas ofertas de Crédito de retención de empleados que podrían tener un alto precio. Conozca el ERC o el ERTC antes de presentar un reclamo: [www.irs.gov/erc](http://www.irs.gov/erc)



#### Employee Retention Credit fake claims:

#### English:

- The Employee Retention Credit encouraged employers to keep employees on the payroll despite COVID-related economic hardships. Beware of ERC offers beyond #IRS guidelines, as they could come at a high price. <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx>
- Those eligible for the Employee Retention Credit are businesses and tax-exempt organizations that had a significant decline in gross receipts due to COVID. Don't fall for ERC offers beyond the #IRS guidelines – they could cost you a high price. <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx>

You work hard on your **business**.  
Don't risk everything with **fake** claims of the **Employee Retention Credit**.

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You work hard on your **business**.  
Don't risk everything with **fake** claims of the **Employee Retention Credit**.

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Keep your **business** blooming.  
Don't risk everything with **fake** claims of the **Employee Retention Credit**.

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- Los que son elegibles para el Crédito de retención de empleados son negocios y organizaciones exentas de impuestos que tuvieron una disminución significativa en los ingresos brutos debido a COVID. No se deje engañar por las ofertas falsas de ERC. <http://ow.ly/JHTA50Ox0hx> #IRS

Trabaja duro en su **negocio**.  
No lo arriesgue todo con reclamos **falsos** del **Crédito de retención de empleados**.

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Mantenga su **negocio** floreciendo.  
No lo arriesgue todo con reclamos **falsos** del **Crédito de retención de empleados**.

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## Dirty Dozen – Employee Retention Credit scams:

- **English** – #IRS and #TaxPros continue to see the aggressive promotion of Employee Retention Credit schemes. Don't be taken in by this Dirty Dozen scam: <http://ow.ly/PYoR50NmUbN> #TaxSecurity
- **Spanish** – #IRS y #TaxPros continúan mirando la promoción agresiva de esquemas de Crédito de retención de empleados. No se deje engañar por esta estafa de la Docena Sucia: <http://ow.ly/fxWw50NFwk9> #TaxSecurity
- **Chinese** – #美国国税局 和 #税务专业人士 持续观察到大肆推广员工留任税收抵免的骗局。不要被卷入“肮脏十二条骗术”中的这类骗局： <http://ow.ly/QGwX50NoZGi> #税务安全
- **Korean** – #IRS와 #세무전문가들은 지속적으로 직원 유지 세액공제 수법에 대한 선전을 봅니다. 이 더티더즌 사기에 당하지 마십시오: <http://ow.ly/QGwX50NoZGi> (영어) #세금보안
- **Russian** – #IRS и #TaxPros продолжают сталкиваться с агрессивным продвижением кредитных схем удержания сотрудников. Не дайте себя обмануть этой аферой в стиле «Грязная дюжина»: <http://ow.ly/PYoR50NmUbN> (Английский) #TaxSecurity
- **Vietnamese** – #IRS và #TaxPros tiếp tục thấy các mưu đồ Tín Thuế Giữ Chân Nhân Viên được quảng cáo rầm rộ. Đừng để bị lừa bởi trò lừa đảo Dirty Dozen này: <http://ow.ly/PYoR50NmUbN> (tiếng Anh) #TaxSecurity
- **Haitian Creole** – #IRS ak #TaxPros kontinye ap wè pwomosyon agresif pou plan Kredi Retansyon Anplwaye yo. Pa kite yo twonpe w nan anak Dirty Dozen sa a: <http://ow.ly/PYoR50NmUbN> (an anglè) #TaxSecurity



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- **Instagram:** Access IRSNews at [Instagram.com/irsnews](https://www.instagram.com/irsnews) or the Instagram app.
- **YouTube:** Find video tips in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [American Sign Language](#).
- **Twitter:** Follow [@IRSsmallbiz](#) information for small businesses, [@IRSnews](#) for tax announcements, [@IRStaxpros](#) tweets news for tax professionals, [@IRSenEspanol](#) for information in Spanish, and [@IRStaxsecurity](#) for posts on scam alerts.
- **Facebook:** Get news and information for [taxpayers](#) and [tax return preparers](#); also in [Spanish](#).
- **LinkedIn:** Find agency [updates and job opportunities](#).

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- [e-News for Small Businesses](#)
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- [e-News for Tax Professionals](#)