

ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS OF UP TO \$1,200 FOR INDIVIDUALS, AND \$500 FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER 17

If you filed taxes for 2018 or 2019, you will get your payment— including for your children— automatically.

- Eligibility will be based on your income and dependents listed on that tax return
- Payment will be made automatically to bank account listed on most recent return
- **If that bank account is now closed** and you need to update bank account information
 - If you filed for 2018 and have not yet filed for 2019, file for 2019 right away with your current bank account information
 - If you already filed for 2019, you cannot update the bank account information. The IRS will mail a check

If you did not file taxes for 2018 or 2019 but you get Social Security payments – retirement, survivors, SSDI, SSI, or you receive Compensation and Pension (C&P) from the V.A. – you will get your payment automatically in your bank account or on Direct Express Card.

- BUT, if you have kids under 17, you must go to the IRS website to register in order to receive the additional \$500 for dependent children. There is no paper form currently available.

www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here

If you did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019 and you do not get any payments from Social Security – you have to go to the IRS website to register for payment for you and any dependents.

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TO USE THE IRS WEBSITE, YOU MUST ENTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Full name, current mailing address and an email address
- Date of birth and valid Social Security number
- Bank account number, type and routing number—if you don't have one, the IRS will mail a check
- Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) you received from the IRS earlier this year, if you have one (this is for people who have told IRS that their identity had been stolen)
- Driver's license or state-issued ID, if you have one
- For each qualifying child: name, Social Security number or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number and their relationship to you or your spouse

NOTE: These payments will not be considered income or resource available to SSI, SNAP, and Medicaid recipients and will be exempt from the \$2,000 asset limit for SSI for 12 months.



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OTHER THINGS TO KNOW:

- **The Payment is not available to:**
 - People who file taxes using an ITIN instead of a SSN
 - Anyone over the age of 16 who is considered a dependent on someone else's tax return.
- **Payments are currently being issued by the IRS and will continue through the end of 2020 only.**
- **The IRS due date for 2019 tax returns has been extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020.**
- **If the IRS has not issued your check by December 31, 2020, you can claim it on your 2020 tax return.**
- **The Payment cannot be seized for most debts, except unpaid child support.**
- **The Payment will not be considered taxable income.**
- **To check the status of your Payment go to <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>**

If you need assistance filing your tax return:

- Unless you have a unique or complicated tax situation, PLEASE do not go to a paid preparer to file your tax return, it is an unnecessary expense and many paid preparers are not reputable.
- An excellent option is to go to www.irs.gov and click on "Do Your Taxes for Free."
- Also, www.goladderup.org has excellent free resources for filing your own tax return.
- Due to the Coronavirus, free tax preparation sites are closed. After the stay-at-home restrictions are lifted, you will be able to locate a site at irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep

Please see www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments for updates.



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