

How to Get Your IRS Economic Impact Payment

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Economic Impact Statements of Up to \$1200 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 the bank account listed on your most recent tax 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 you a check or a pre-paid Debit Card.

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 should have received your payment automatically in your bank account.

- If you have **not** yet received your Payment, you have until **October 15, 2020** to enter your information at the IRS website.
- If you receive SSI or C&P and you have children under 17, you needed go to the IRS website before **September 30, 2020** to register to receive the additional \$500 for dependent children. Otherwise, you may claim the \$500 per child on your 2020 tax return.
- If you receive your monthly benefit on a Direct Express Card, your check will be mailed to you UNLESS you registered your bank account information with the IRS.

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If you did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019 and you do not get any payments from Social Security or V.A., you have to go to the IRS website by October 15, 2020 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 (SSN)
- Bank account number, type and routing number—if you don't have a bank account, the IRS will mail you a check
- Your IRS-issued Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) if you were sent one
- Driver's license or state ID numb, if you have one
- For each child: name, SSN or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number, and their relationship to you or your spouse



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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.
- The IRS due date for 2019 tax returns was extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020.
- Payments are currently being issued by the IRS and will continue **through the end of 2020 only**.
- If the IRS has not issued your Payment by December 31, 2020, you can claim it on your 2020 tax return.
- To check the status of your Payment go to <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>.
- The Payment **cannot** be seized for most debts, except unpaid child support.
- The Payment will **not** be considered taxable income.
- A landlord does **not** have the right to check the status of your Payment on the IRS website.
- Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities do **not** have a right to your Payment.
- If you receive a Payment check and do not have your own bank account, many banks will cash your check for free: Chase, Wells Fargo, Fifth Third, FIRST Midwest, U.S. Bank.
- You may receive your Payment in the mail as a pre-paid Debit Card.
- GetMyPaymentIL.org has helpful information for getting your Payment or you can call **800-919-9835**.

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, many free tax preparation sites are closed. You can locate a site for free tax prep services at irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep

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