

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 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 will get your payment automatically in your bank account.

- 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 by May 5, 2020.
- If you receive SSI or C&P and you have children under 17, you needed go to the IRS website before October 15, 2020 to register to receive the additional \$500 for dependent children. Otherwise, you may claim the \$500 per child on your 2020 tax return.

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 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
- 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



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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](https://www.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, 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

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