



How Do I Get An **Economic Impact Payment** When I Don't Normally File Taxes?

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Are You Eligible for an Economic Impact Payment?

Eligible individuals may include those with no income or low income who are not required to file a tax return (generally, income below \$12,200 for single filers, \$18,350 for head of household filers and \$24,400 for married couples who file jointly). This may include people experiencing homelessness, low-income workers, independent students, the unbanked and others who:

- > are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or qualifying resident alien,
- > cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return and
- > have a Social Security number that's valid for employment.

For people who don't normally have to file a return because their income is too low, the payment amount is **\$1,200** per eligible person and an additional **\$500** per qualifying child under 17.

To determine if you are required to file a 2019 tax return or if you should file to get a refund, use the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant tool – [Do I Need to File a Tax Return?](#) – and answer basic questions.

YES

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Do you receive any of these benefits?

- > Social Security retirement benefits
- > Social Security Disability Insurance
- > Railroad Retirement benefits
- > Social Security survivor benefits
- > Supplemental Security Income
- > Veterans Affairs benefits

NO

YES

Sign up for a payment by using the [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) tool by Oct. 15 on [IRS.gov](#). Do not use this tool if you are required to file a 2019 federal tax return.

Those unable to access the Non-Filers tool may submit a simplified paper return following the procedures described in the [Economic Impact Payment FAQs on IRS.gov](#).

Non-Filers tool reopened for federal beneficiaries who didn't receive \$500 per child payments earlier this year

If you have not filed a 2019 (or 2018) tax return or used the Non-Filers tool to provide information about your qualifying children, you should provide information by Sept. 30 using the [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) tool. If you filed a tax return or used the Non-Filers tool after May 5 to add information about your qualifying child, take no further action. Catch-up payments will be issued in October.

If you have an eligible spouse who doesn't receive federal benefits and didn't receive an Economic Impact Payment

Your spouse can sign up by using the [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) tool by Oct. 15 on [IRS.gov](#) and add any qualifying children. Your spouse should enter their information as a "Single" filer in the tool instead of "Married Filing Joint."

If you're eligible and usually don't file a tax return

You should have received your payment automatically by direct deposit, Direct Express debit card or by paper check, just as you would normally receive your benefits. If not, check [Get My Payment](#).

To sign up you'll need:

- > Name and date of birth
- > A mailing address where you can receive the payment and confirmation letter, which the IRS will mail within 15 days after your payment is issued
- > A bank account number, if you have one, to receive your EIP faster than a mailed payment
- > An email address to create an account to use the Non-Filers tool
- > Valid Social Security number for you and your spouse, if applicable
- > Identity Protection PIN, if the IRS issued one to you in the past
- > License or state ID, if you have one
- > Name, SSN and relationship for each qualifying child

Use the [Get My Payment](#) tool on [IRS.gov](#) to track the status of your Economic Impact Payment.



Get an Economic Impact Payment from the IRS

Most Americans have already received an **Economic Impact Payment**. Some may have to provide additional information for the IRS to determine their eligibility for a payment.

Who is eligible?

U.S. citizens, permanent residents and qualifying resident aliens who:

- Have a work eligible Social Security number
- Could not be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer, and
- Had adjusted gross income under certain limits

Sept. 30 deadline for some federal benefit recipients who haven't received \$500 payments for qualifying children

If you received your **Economic Impact Payment** already and you receive Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits or Veterans Affairs benefits, use the **Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here** tool by Sept. 30 if you have not already given us your qualifying child's information to get a \$500 catch-up payment.

If you used the Non-Filers tool after May 5 to provide information on children, you don't need to take any further action.

The IRS will send your catch-up payment by direct deposit or mail in October.

You will get another Notice 1444 from the IRS.

If you did not receive the full amount to which you believe you are entitled, you will be able to claim the additional amount when you file your 2020 tax return, if eligible.

Register using the IRS Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here online tool by Oct. 15 if you:

- Had income below \$12,200 (\$24,400 if married) in 2019; AND
- Are not required to file a tax return for 2019 or 2018; AND
- Don't plan on filing a tax return to claim tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Have an Social Security number
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent

The free **Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here** tool is designed for people who aren't normally required to file a tax return but may be eligible for an Economic Impact Payment. You can qualify for a payment even if you do not have income or are experiencing homelessness.

The deadline for registering is Oct. 15.

File a 2019 tax return by Oct. 15 if you:

- Have a tax filing obligation and have not yet filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019.
 - Generally, you are required to file if your income was more than \$12,200 (\$24,400 if married) in 2019.

If you still need to file:

Use IRS Free File: Use IRS **Free File** if your adjusted gross income is \$69,000 or less.

File electronically: Use commercial software or an authorized e-file provider.

Use direct deposit: Combining direct deposit with electronic filing is the fastest way to receive your refund and Economic Impact Payment.

Use the **Get My Payment** tool two weeks after you submitted your registration to check on the status of your Economic Impact Payment at [IRS.gov/GetMyPayment](https://www.irs.gov/GetMyPayment).

Additional information:

Keep Notice 1444, Your Economic Impact Payment, with your 2020 tax records. The IRS will mail Notice 1444 to your last known address within 15 days after the payment is made.

Taxes: Payments are not taxed.

Qualifying children: You'll get \$500 for qualifying children under 17 who have a Social Security number or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number.

Past-due child support: If you owe past-due child support, your Economic Impact Payment will be reduced or eliminated.

Benefits: Your payment won't affect eligibility for benefits you receive from SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, federal rental assistance or another program. It will not affect unemployment payments.

Scams: The IRS will NOT contact you by phone, email, text message or social media to request personal information – especially banking details – or ask you to provide a "processing" fee. The IRS will send written correspondence.

Direct deposit: If you don't have a bank account, the IRS will mail you a paper check, but it will take much longer.