



# Help with Getting Your Economic Impact / "Stimulus" Payment

**Q: What are Economic Impact Payments (“Payments”)?**

A: Economic Impact Payments are a non-taxable, one-time payment for eligible individuals, to help people make ends meet during the pandemic and to address the financial harms caused by the pandemic, such as lost wages. Congress authorized these Payments in the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act that was signed into law on March 27, 2020.

**Q: Who is eligible to receive a Payment?**

A: U.S. citizens and authorized U.S. residents will receive a Payment if they are not a dependent of another taxpayer and have a work-eligible Social Security number. The Payments vary by income, and some higher-income individuals will not receive Payments. (See below.).

**Q: How much will my Payment be? I heard some people are getting different amounts, is that correct?**

A: Yes, the amount of your Payment will depend on your adjusted gross income and your tax filing status. See the table below, as well as the information about eligible dependent Payments.

	Adjusted Gross Income on 2018 or 2019 tax returns		
Tax Filing Status	Full \$1,200 Payment	Reduced Payment	No Payment
Single or Married Filing Separately	Less than \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$89,9000	\$99,000 or more
Head of Household	Less than \$112,500	\$112,500 to \$136,499	\$136,500 or more
Married Filing Jointly	Less than \$150,000	\$150,000 to \$197,999	\$198,000 or more

For each dependent child under age 18 on your tax return, you will receive an additional \$500 Payment.

**Q: My income changed a lot or was more last year than this year. What is the time period for determining the eligibility and amount of Payment?**

A: Payments are calculated based on 2018 or 2019 tax returns. If you have not yet filed a 2019 return, your eligibility and Payment are based on your 2018 return. However, when you file your 2019 return (which are now due on July 15, 2020 because Congress extended the tax filing deadline from April 15, 2020), and you received a lesser Payment than you are owed based on your 2019 income, you may claim that shortage on your 2019 tax return.

**Q: How will I receive my Payment?**

A: Individuals with direct deposit accounts set up with the IRS to receive tax refunds started receiving Payments the week of April 13. You may not receive any written notification until later, so check your bank account and remember that you may not have received the full \$1,200, depending on your income. Those without direct deposit with the IRS will receive paper checks. The checks will be issued in reverse “adjusted gross income” order—starting with those who have the lowest incomes. Due to the volume of

checks and President Trump's decision that his name needed to be printed on each check, these Payments may take several weeks to arrive.

**Q: Will I still receive a Payment if I do not normally file taxes?**

A: If you do not currently file a tax return, you still may be eligible for a Payment! The Treasury Department and the IRS have built a web tool to allow those who do not normally file a tax return to register for a Payment. You can find that tool [HERE](#).

**Q: How can I check the status of my Payment?**

A: If you have not received your Payment, you can try to track the status of your Payment through the “Get My Payment” portal on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website. You can find that portal [HERE](#). You can also call a *toll-free hotline created by the IRS: 800-919-9835*.

You will receive a letter about your Payment from the U.S. Treasury or Internal Revenue Service, but that letter may not arrive for weeks or months after the Payment is credited to your account.

**Q: What can I do if I believe that I’m eligible for a Payment but can’t get any information on Get My Payment?**

A: If you are eligible to receive a Payment but have not received it yet and cannot get information on the status of your Payment through the “Get My Payment” portal, you may submit a casework request by filling out this [form](#).

Additionally, the IRS has an FAQ on the Economic Impact Payments on its website, which you can find [HERE](#).

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