



Economic Impact Payment Information Center

For additional questions regarding the Get My Payment application check out our [Get My Payment FAQs](#).

Millions of Americans have already received their Economic Impact Payments (Payments) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) continues to calculate and automatically send the Payments to most eligible individuals, however some may have to provide additional information to the IRS to get their Payments. Below are answers to frequently asked questions related to these Payments. These questions and answers will be updated periodically. Please DO NOT call the IRS.

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EIP Eligibility and General Information

> Q1. Who is eligible? (updated April 26, 2020)
> Q2. Who is not eligible?
> Q3. How much is it worth?
> Q4. Do I need to take action?
> Q5. Will I receive notification from the IRS about my Payment?
> Q6. How do I avoid scams related to Economic Impact Payments or COVID-19?
> Q7. Should I use Get My Payment or Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here?
> Q8. As a U.S. citizen living abroad, am I entitled to a Payment?
> Q9. If I live in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will I get a Payment if I'm eligible?
> Q10. Does someone who has died qualify for the Payment? (added May 6, 2020)
> Q11. Does someone who is a resident alien qualify for the Payment? (added May 6, 2020)

> [Q12. Does someone who is incarcerated qualify for the Payment? \(added May 6, 2020\)](#)

Requesting My Economic Impact Payment

> [Q13. I recently filed a tax return. What do I need to do to get a Payment?](#)

> [Q14. I haven't filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and don't need to file tax returns for those years. I receive Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement, or Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) benefits. What do I need to do to get a Payment? \(updated April 24, 2020\)](#)

> [Q15. I haven't filed a federal tax return for 2018 or 2019 and don't receive Social Security retirement or any other federal benefits. What do I need to do to get a Payment?](#)

> [Q16. I did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019. How do I know if I am required to file a tax return?](#)

> [Q17. Who should NOT use Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here?](#)

> [Q18. I need to file a tax return but am concerned about visiting a tax professional or local community organization in person right now to get help with my tax return. How long is the Payment available?](#)

> [Q19. Will the IRS contact me about my Payment? \(updated May 8, 2020\)](#)

Calculating My Economic Impact Payment

> [Q20. What is the amount of the Payment I will receive? Who is a qualifying child? \(updated May 8, 2020\)](#)

> [Q21. How do I calculate my Economic Impact Payment? \(added April 27, 2020\)](#)

> [Q22. Will my Payment be reduced if my income is too little or too much?](#)

> [Q23. I filed a joint return with my spouse. Will we receive a Payment if I have a valid SSN and my spouse has an IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number \(ITIN\)?](#)

> [Q24. What is meant by a valid SSN required for a Payment?](#)

> [Q25. Is a child born, adopted, or placed into foster care in 2020 a qualifying child for the Payment?](#)

> [Q26. I received an additional \\$500 Payment in 2020 for my qualifying child. However, he just turned 17. Will I have to pay back the \\$500 next year when I file my 2020 tax return?](#)

> [Q27. I claimed my child as a dependent on my 2019 tax return. She is graduating from school in 2020. Will she receive her own Payment?](#)

➤ **Q28. I claimed my mom as a dependent on my 2019 tax return. Will I receive an additional Payment for her or will she receive her own Payment?**

➤ **Q29. I think the amount of my Economic Impact Payment is incorrect. What can I do? (updated May 14, 2020)**

➤ **Q30. What if a child's parents who are not married to each other both got the \$500 for a child - will one of them have to pay that back? (updated May 15, 2020)**

Receiving My Payment

➤ **Q31. Is the Payment includible in my gross income? (updated April 24, 2020)**

✓ **Q32. If I owe tax, or have a Payment agreement with the IRS, or owe other federal or state debts or past-due child support, will my Payment be reduced or offset? (updated May 8, 2020)**

A32. No, with one exception. The Payment may have been offset only by past-due child support. The Bureau of the Fiscal Service will send you a notice if an offset occurs.

If you are married filing jointly and you filed an [injured spouse claim](#) with your 2019 tax return (or 2018 tax return if you haven't filed your 2019 tax return), half of the total Payment will be sent to each spouse and your spouse's Payment will be offset only for past-due child support. There is no need to file another injured spouse claim for the Payment.

The IRS is aware that in some instances a portion of the payment sent to a spouse who filed an injured spouse claim with his or her 2019 tax return (or 2018 tax return if no 2019 tax return has been filed) has been offset by the non-injured spouse's past-due child support. The IRS is working with the Bureau of Fiscal Service and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you filed an injured spouse claim with your return and are impacted by this issue, you do not need to take any action. The injured spouse will receive their unpaid half of the total payment when the issue is resolved. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

➤ **Q33. How will the IRS know where to send my Payment? (updated May 15, 2020)**

➤ **Q34. What if the bank account number I used on my recent tax return is closed or no longer active? Can I switch and be mailed a Payment? (updated May 15, 2020)**

➤ **Q35. I already filed my 2019 tax return and owed tax. I scheduled a payment (electronic funds withdrawal, Direct Pay, or Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS)) from my bank account. Will the IRS send my Payment to the account I used? (updated May, 14, 2020)**

➤ **Q36. I already filed my 2019 tax return, but I didn't provide bank information. Can I use the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool to provide my banking information? (updated May, 14, 2020)**

➤ **Q37. How do I find the bank account information the IRS needs?**

➤ **Q38. What if I don't have a bank account?**

➤ **Q39. My address is different from the last tax return I filed. How can I change my address?**

- > **Q40. Where did you get the bank information for me, and what if I need to change it? (updated May 14, 2020)**
- > **Q41. I requested a direct deposit of my Payment. Why are you mailing it to me as a check?**
- > **Q42. I heard that past-due child support can be taken from the EIP, but can other debt collectors get access to this money? (updated May 15, 2020)**
- > **Q43. Will I need to provide information or reconcile the Economic Impact Payment on my 2020 taxes when I file next year? (added May 14, 2020)**
- > **Q44. Can I have my economic impact payment sent to my prepaid debit card? (added May 14, 2020)**

Non-Filer Tool

- > **Q45. Do I need to use the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool if I am not required to file a federal income tax return for 2019 or 2018 and I do not receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or survivor benefits, Veteran's benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits? (added May 14, 2020)**
- > **Q46. Do I need to use the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool if I am not required to file a federal income tax return for 2019 or 2018 and I do receive federal benefits for Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or survivor benefits, Veteran's benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits? (added May 14, 2020)**
- > **Q47. Do I need to use the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool if I filed a return for 2019 or 2018? (updated May 14, 2020)**

Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Department of Veteran Affairs benefit recipients

- > **Q48. Do Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Department of Veteran Affairs benefit recipients need to take any action? (added May 15, 2020)**
- > **Q49. When will eligible Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Department of Veteran Affairs benefit recipients who are not required to file a tax return receive their Economic Impact Payment? (added May 15, 2020)**
- > **Q50. How much will Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Department of Veteran Affairs benefit recipients receive? (added May 15, 2020)**
- > **Q51. Do I need to do anything if I am the spouse of an SSA, SSI, RRB, or VA recipient? (added May 15, 2020)**

More About the Economic Impact Payment

- > **Q52. What should I do to return an Economic Impact Payment (EIP)? (updated May 11, 2020)**

