

Your Economic Impact Payment/Stimulus Payment

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Am I entitled to a payment?

If you have a valid Social Security number, are not claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return and make less than \$75,000 adjusted gross income (\$150,000 for a couple – see www.irs.gov for details), then you are entitled to the full \$1,200 individual payment (\$2,400 for a couple).

Will my payment be automatically sent to me?

Yes, if you

- Filed taxes for 2018 or 2019
- Received Social Security retirement or survivors benefits in 2019
- Received Railroad Retirement or survivors benefits in 2019
- Received SSD in 2019
- Received SSI in 2019
- Received VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits in 2019

I don't receive any of the benefits listed above but I'm not required to file taxes because I don't make much money, for example I receive GA or TANF. Am I entitled to a payment?

Yes! But you must go on the IRS webpage and fill out the "Non-Filers Payment Info Here" form https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here to receive your payment. To complete the form you will need an email address and a cell phone. Have your Social Security number, bank routing number (if you want direct deposit), and driver's license or State ID number ready. Also, if you have any dependent children under age 17, have their Social Security numbers ready so you can claim your extra \$500 per child benefit.

How do I claim my \$500 per child benefit for my dependent child/children under age 17?

- If you receive Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or SSD payments (and have not filed taxes for 2018 or 2019):
 - Unfortunately the deadline for adding dependent children through the "Non-filers Payment Info Here" form was April 22. You can claim your \$500 per child payment but you have to wait until filing a return for tax year 2020 (spring 2021).
- If you receive SSI or VA benefits (and have not filed taxes for 2018 or 2019):
 - YOU MUST COMPLETE THE "NON-FILERS PAYMENT INFO HERE" FORM BY MAY 5, 2020. Go to https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here and have your email address, cell phone, bank routing number (if you want direct deposit), driver's license or State ID number ready, as well as Social Security numbers for you and the children you are claiming for the benefit.

I receive SSD/SSI and I have a Representative Payee. Who controls and manages my stimulus payment?

You do. Your representative payee does not have the authority to manage or control your stimulus payment.

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