

COVID-19 Stimulus Payments

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The federal government, through the IRS, is giving people special payments because of the economic impact of the COVID-19 emergency.



\$1,200
each adult

+



\$500
per child

Payment Method

You will get your payment by direct deposit, if you requested that when you filed taxes, or a check mailed to the address on your most recent tax return.

Payment based on your 2019 tax return. If you didn't file a 2019 tax return, it will be based on your 2018 tax return. If you have not filed a 2019 or 2018 tax return, you need to register on the IRS website by **October 15, 2020**, or you must file a 2020 tax return (in 2021) to get payments. The sooner you file or register, the sooner you'll get the payment.

If you get Social Security, SSI or VA benefits, you do not need to file taxes to get your payment. For Social Security, SSI and VA benefits recipients, you must use the IRS website by September 30, 2020 or you must file a 2020 tax return (in 2021) to get payments for your children.

You may not be eligible for a payment if you are 17-18 years old, claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return, a college student who can be claimed as a dependent, or a non-resident alien.

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