

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 file before the end of 2020 or register on the IRS website. **The sooner you file or register, the sooner you'll get the payment.**

If you get Social Security benefits, including SSI, or VA benefits, you do not need to file taxes to get your payment, but you will need to file or register on the IRS website to get payments for your children. For Social Security recipients, you must use the IRS website by April 22 at 9:00 am or you must file a tax return 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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