



CARES Act Economic Impact Payments for Homeless New Yorkers

For FREE help with your Payment, call Mobilization for Justice at 212-417-3791.

Am I eligible for a CARES Act economic impact payment?

You are eligible for an economic impact payment if you are:

- An individual with an adjusted gross income up to \$99,000;
- A head of household with an adjusted gross income up to \$136,500; or
- A married couple with an adjusted gross income up to \$198,000.

You are not eligible if:

- You can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return;
- You do not have a valid Social Security Number (SSN);
- You have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

How much is the payment*?

- Individuals with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 receive \$1,200;
- Heads of household with adjusted gross income up to \$112,500 receive \$1,200;
- Married couples with adjusted gross income up to \$150,000 receive \$2,400; and
- Eligible parents with qualifying children under 17 receive \$500 for each child.

*Payment amount is reduced by \$5 for each \$100 above the \$75,000/\$112,500/\$150,000 thresholds.

How do I receive my payment?

Payments are made automatically via direct deposit, or a mailed check or mailed debit card if you:

- Filed Federal tax returns in 2018 or 2019. (Note that if you currently have a dependent child under 17 who was not listed on either return, you must file a 2020 tax return to receive a child credit.)
- Receive Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, Survivor Benefits, Veteran's Benefits, Railroad Retirement Benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). (Note that SSI recipients who use a Direct Express debit card will receive their payments via the debit card.)

I did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019 and I do not receive the above benefits. What do I do?

Apply for the payment by October 15, 2020 using the Non-Filers Tool, available at:

www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment.





How do I check the status of my payment?

Use the Get My Payment tool, available at: <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof-wmsp/notice> to check your payment status. If no information is available about your payment and you have moved recently, be sure to enter your prior address.

What happens if my payment was sent to a prior address?

If your payment was sent to a prior address, notify the IRS of your current address by calling 800-829-1040 or mailing the IRS Form 8822, available at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822.pdf>.

Can a homeless shelter take my Economic Impact Payment?

No. The payment is yours.

What happens if I think my payment was lost or stolen?

If the Get My Payment tool shows your payment was issued on a specific date, but you have not received it and it has been more than:

- 5 days since the date the payment was electronically deposited; or
- 4 weeks since the payment check or debit card was mailed.

Then request a payment trace by calling 1-800-919-9835 or by submitting IRS Form 3911, available at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f3911.pdf>.

Will the Economic Impact Payment affect my eligibility for benefits?

No. The payment does not count as income for Medicaid or SSI eligibility purposes. Those programs also will not treat the payment as a countable resource or affect your resource limit for 12 months after you receive the payment.

I've heard there are a lot of scams going on--what should I do to avoid them?

It is important to be careful about scams related to the Economic Impact Payment. Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357. Here are some tips to help you avoid being scammed:

- You do not have to pay any money to get your Economic Impact Payment.
- Only use the IRS website (irs.gov/coronavirus) to submit your information.
- The IRS will never call, text or e-mail you.
- Do not give your Social Security number or bank account number or government benefits debit card account number to anyone who contacts you by phone or e-mail.

What if I have more questions, need help using the Non-Filers Tool, or need assistance changing my address or requesting a payment trace?

For FREE help with your Economic Stimulus Payment, call Mobilization for Justice at 212-417-3791 anytime. Leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back.

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