



COVID-19 CARES Act Economic Impact Payments

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). This includes individuals who currently have an SSN, but their most recent filing included an 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.

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

How do I receive my payment?

Automatic payments will be made via direct deposit or a check in the mail if you:

- Filed Federal tax returns in 2018 or 2019. If you currently have a dependent child under age 17 who was not listed on either return, you will have to use the Non-Filers Tool (see below).
- Receive Social Security retirement, Disability (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), survivor benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits (but see below if you have qualifying children).

SSI recipients who use a Direct Express debit card will receive their payments via the debit card.

Who needs to use the Non-Filers Tool and is there a deadline?

Use the Non-Filers Tool, available at www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment if:

- You did not file Federal taxes and do not receive the above-listed federal benefits;
- You receive the above-listed federal benefits *and* have a qualifying child;
- You filed Federal taxes, but did not list a qualifying child on your most recent tax return.

To receive the child benefit in your economic impact payment, access the Non-Filers Tool by April 22, 2020 (later for certain benefits), otherwise you will receive the benefit as a credit in your 2020 taxes.

What if I have a question or need help using the Non-Filers Tool?

You can call Mobilization for Justice's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at 212-417-3839 on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or leave a voicemail message any time.

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