

RECENT UPDATES ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

Who can still take action to get payment:

A3. People who have no income or low-income and who aren't required to file a tax return may be eligible for an Economic Impact Payment and can easily register for a payment by using the free Non-Filers tool by October 15, available only on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Check the [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) tool - [Do I Need to File a Tax Return?](#) - to see if you have a filing requirement or can benefit by filing a 2019 tax return. This includes those who file a tax return to get a refund even if though they are not required to file.

If you don't have to file and do not plan to file a 2019 tax return, use the [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) application to provide simple information by October 15 so you can get your payment.

Most Americans have received their Economic Impact Payment. This includes eligible taxpayers who filed a 2019 or 2018 tax return and those who usually do not have to file a tax return but receive Social Security, SSI, RRB or VA benefits. People in these categories who have not received their payment can use the Get My Payment to check on your payment status.

Some federal benefit recipients need to act by September 30. The IRS reopened the registration period only for individuals who are federal benefit recipients who didn't receive \$500 per qualifying child payments earlier this year.

Those who received Social Security, SSI, RRB or VA benefits can use the [IRS.gov Non-Filers tool](https://www.irs.gov) through September 30 to provide information about a qualifying child to receive a \$500 per child payment. See the FAQs on this page and [Non-Filers tool page](#) for more information.

Update Regarding qualifying children:

A52. The IRS reopened registration only for individuals who receive Social Security, SSI, RRB or VA benefits, but who did not receive \$500 per child earlier this year when they received their own Economic Impact Payment. They can use the Non-Filers tool to get the qualifying child payment only if they:

- have not used the Non-Filers tool already to provide information about their qualifying child payments earlier this year, or
- have not filed their 2019 (or 2018) tax return.

Only these federal benefit recipients can use the [IRS.gov Non-Filers tool](https://www.irs.gov) August 15 through September 30 to enter information on their qualifying children to receive a catch-up \$500 payment per child.

Any eligible federal benefits recipient who misses the September 30 deadline will need to claim the payment as a credit on their 2020 federal income tax return next year.

No further action is needed for some federal benefit recipients who used the Non-Filers tool. For those Social Security, SSI, Department of Veterans Affairs and Railroad Retirement beneficiaries who already

used the Non-Filers tool May 5 through August 15 to provide information on qualifying children, no further action is needed.

The IRS will automatically issue the catch-up payment in October. Those who received their original Economic Impact Payment by direct deposit will receive any catch-up payment as a direct deposit to the same account. Others will receive a check in the mail.

People can use Get My Payment to check the status of the catch-up \$500 EIP per qualifying child. They will also receive another Notice 1444 in the mail stating that the additional \$500 EIP per qualifying child was issued. Recipients should keep this letter with their tax records.

No action needed for people who filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return. Individuals who already received an Economic Impact Payment based on their 2018 or 2019 tax return, should not use the Non-Filers tool, even if they think they did not receive the full amount. These people may be able to claim an additional payment when they file their 2020 tax return next year.

Also note this:

A71. Keep the notice you received regarding your Economic Impact Payment with your 2020 tax records. These notices are mailed to each recipient's last known address within 15 days after the Payment is made. The IRS will provide information on what actions you need to take when you file your 2020 tax return when they are available.

IRS: 50,000 spouses to get catch-up Economic Impact Payments

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service will soon send catch-up Economic Impact Payment checks to about 50,000 individuals whose portion of the EIP was diverted to pay their spouse's past-due child support.

These catch-up payments are due to be issued in early-to-mid-September. They will be mailed as checks to any eligible spouse who submitted [Form 8379, Injured Spouse Allocation](#), along with their 2019 federal income tax return, or in some cases, their 2018 return. These spouses do not need to take any action to get their money. The IRS will automatically issue the portion of the EIP that was applied to the other spouse's debt.

The IRS is aware that some individuals did not file a Form 8379, Injured Spouse Allocation, and did not receive their portion of the EIP for the same reason above. These individuals also do not need to take any action and do not need to submit a Form 8379. The IRS does not yet have a timeframe but will automatically issue the portion of the EIP that was applied to the other spouse's debt at a later date.

Affected taxpayers can check the status of their Payment by using the [Get My Payment tool](#), available only on [IRS.gov](#).

For more information, see the Receiving My Payment section of the Frequently Asked Questions in the [Economic Payment Information Center](#) on [IRS.gov](#).