



## **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

### **Economic Impact Payments**

#### **Why did Congress pass Economic Impact Payments (EIP) for individuals?**

The public health and economic consequences of COVID-19 are significant. These payments help Americans afford what they need during this public health crisis, as many are experiencing a significant cash crunch.

#### **When will the payments be distributed?**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is working to deliver Economic Impact Payments as quickly as possible. For people who filed a federal income tax return in 2018 or 2019, payment processing is based on payment or address information already on file with the IRS. Electronic distributions are automatic to an account the payee authorized January 1, 2018 or later. If your income for 2020 will be within the guidelines for the Economic Impact Payment, you will be able to receive the EIP monies in 2021 based on your 2020 tax return.

#### **How large are the rebates?**

The amount of the rebate depends on family size. The payment is \$1,200 for each adult individual (\$2,400 for joint filers), and \$500 per qualifying child under age 17. The advance payment of rebates is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income to the extent a taxpayer's income exceeds \$150,000 for a joint filer, \$112,500 for a head of household filer, and \$75,000 for anyone else (including single filers).

#### **Do rebates need to be repaid?**

No, rebates do not need to be repaid. If an individual experienced an income loss in 2020 or if they have an increase in family size, they may be able to claim an additional credit of the difference when the individual files their 2020 tax federal income tax return in 2021.

#### **How are rebates being delivered?**

It depends. Rebates are delivered automatically—by the IRS—to most Americans who file individual federal income tax returns. The IRS is continuing to use electronic direct deposit as well as mailing physical checks. Starting on May 26, 4 million payments are being delivered by debit card. More information about this is here: [www.irs.gov/eipfaq](https://www.irs.gov/eipfaq)

#### **Many individuals don't need to file a tax return. Are non-filers eligible for rebates?**

Yes. There is no earned income requirement to be eligible for an Economic Impact Payment, but non-filers should enter their information here: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

#### **How will a person who has recently moved access EIP?**

If you have not filed your 2019 tax return, enter your new address on your tax return when you file.

#### **Will the rebates affect my eligibility for federal income-targeted programs?**

No, the rebate is considered a tax refund and is not counted towards eligibility for federal programs.

#### **What identification requirements apply to receive rebates?**

Taxpayers must have Social Security Numbers for themselves and their qualifying children in order to receive rebates.

Please check the IRS website for updated information and directions: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>