

Recovery Rebates for Individuals and Families

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus Act (CARES Act) was passed by Congress and signed into law. The bill includes a rebate of up to \$1,200 for qualifying individuals.

Below is a summary of these provisions:

Recovery Rebate

Who Qualifies	Amount
Single Filer earning <i>under \$75,000</i>	\$1,200
Joint Filers earning <i>under \$150,000</i>	\$2,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional \$500 credit will be received for each dependent under age 17. • The rebate is a refundable tax credit, which means it is money that is paid out to you in full. • Rebates are not taxable or subject to garnishment, except if back child support is owed. • Rebates are based on your adjusted gross income (AGI) for your 2019 or 2018 tax return (whichever was your most recent filing). • The rebate is reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 earned above the income threshold. 	

How Do I Ensure I/My Clients Receive Their Rebate Payment?

If You Have Not Filed 2018 or 2019 Taxes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you or your clients have not yet filed in 2018 or 2019, you can still file your 2019 taxes now to receive the rebate. • If you receive Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), survivor or Railroad retiree benefits, you will automatically receive the rebate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-filers who make less than \$12,200 (single) or \$24,400 (married) annually and do not receive Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), survivor, or railroad retiree benefits can fill out an online form in order to receive the rebate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form for Non-Filers to Receive Stimulus Rebate • You can check the status of your payment by using the Get My Payment tool.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need to list your Social Security Number (SSN), name, any dependents, and a mailing address or bank account information.

Who is Eligible for Payments?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taxpayers who filed a 2019 or 2018 tax return are eligible. Non-filers making below a certain income are also eligible, see above.• You must have an SSN to be eligible. The only exception is for members of the armed services, as long as one spouse has an SSN.• Social Security recipients, senior citizens, those on SSDI, and railroad retirees are eligible if they have received Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099.• There is no minimum income for receiving the rebate or dependent credit.
Restrictions on Eligibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For immigrant households:• Only legal permanent residents (LPRs), resident aliens, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) will qualify.• Mixed immigration status households will not qualify if one member of the household uses an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), unless that member is a veteran.• An individual claiming a rebate must not be claimed as a dependent by someone else.

What Children and Dependents Are Eligible?

Eligible Children and Dependents
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible dependents are qualifying children under age 17 who have not provided for more than half of their own expenses and have lived with the taxpayer for more than 6 months.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adult and college-aged dependents do not qualify (adult dependents also do not qualify for their own rebate, see above).• No maximum number of dependents indicated, but dependents must be claimed on tax return.• If you had a baby recently who was not claimed on your 2019 or 2018 tax return or are currently pregnant, you can claim the \$500 credit for each eligible child when you file your 2020 tax returns.• If you are divorced, only the parent claiming the dependent on their tax return will receive the \$500 credit.

When Will I Receive Payment?

Timeline for Payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebates will be provided via direct deposit (may take up to 3 weeks) or a paper check in the mail to the last address on file (may take 6 to 8 weeks).• The IRS will use information from your most recent tax return or Social Security data. No action is needed for these circumstances.• Rebates will be available throughout the rest of 2020.