



COVID-19 Direct Stimulus Payments

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How much are the payments & who is eligible?

- Under the new Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, you may be eligible for a payment of \$1,200, as well as \$500 for each child 16 and under.
- Generally, to qualify for the payment, you must have a Social Security number and not be claimed as a dependent by someone else.
- Children age 17 or 18, as well as college students age 19-23, are generally not eligible.

How will payments arrive?

- If you filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, you do not need to take any action. Your payment will be sent by direct deposit to the bank account on your last tax return. If you did not provide direct deposit information, a check will be sent to the address you gave on your tax return. You can provide your direct deposit information to the IRS at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment.
- If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Social Security Retirement, Survivors, or Disability, your payment should arrive automatically by the same method in which you receive your benefits.

Who needs to give information to the IRS?

- Some people will not receive a stimulus payment automatically and must provide their information to the IRS at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here. Do not give your information anywhere but the IRS website.
- People that should use this website include those who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 AND (1) do not receive Social Security or SSI; OR (2) receive SSI or Social Security benefits and have qualifying dependent children.
- TurboTax is not the official IRS website. TurboTax says individuals can “register” for the payment by filing a simple tax return, but this can create problems including rejected tax returns or incorrect tax filings.

Will payments be garnished?

- Your payment will not be garnished for federal debts, such as back taxes or student loans, but may be garnished for unpaid child support. Once the payment is in your bank account, it may be garnished by someone who has a judgment against you.



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