

# Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Bulletin

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Today, many U.S. residents will start to receive Economic Impact Payments. The IRS has provided resources on how to check the status of your payment and if there any additional steps that you need to take.



1 Readers are encouraged to review the underlying information here and reminded that this bulletin is for informational purposes only. It does not create an attorney-client relationship.

Visit the IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief page



# Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Tax Day is now July 15.



## Who is eligible?

Taxpayers with adjusted gross income up to:

- \$75,000 for individuals;
- \$112,500 for head of household filers; and
- \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns.



Taxpayers will receive a reduced payment if their adjusted gross income is between:

- \$75,000 and \$99,000 if their filing status was single or married filing separately;
- \$112,500 and \$136,500 for head of household filers; and
- \$150,000 and \$198,000 if their filing status was married filing jointly.

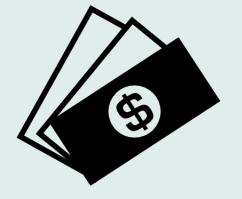
These payments consist of \$1,200 for individuals or head of household filers and \$2,400 for taxpayers who are married filing jointly. The amount of the payment is reduced for higher income individuals, which is based on the taxpayers adjusted gross income.

In order to receive the payment, you must have a Social Security number. You cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return and you must be a U.S. resident.

# Information for Tax Filers

"Get My Payment" Application:

- Check your payment status
- Confirm your payment type: direct deposit or check
- Enter your bank account information for direct deposit, if needed – see below



**Get My Payment** 

## To Update your Bank Account or Mailing Address:

- If the IRS does not have your direct deposit information from your 2018 or 2019 return – and they have not yet sent your payment – use the "Get My Payment" application to update your bank account for your direct deposit.
- 2019 Filers: The IRS will send your payment using the information you provided with your 2019 tax return. You will not be able to change it.
- 2018 Filers: If you need to change your account information or mailing address, file your 2019 taxes electronically as soon as possible. That is the only way to let the IRS know your new information.

**Note**: The IRS is not currently able to process individual paper tax returns due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

# Information for Non-Filers

## Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info

If you do not file taxes, use the "Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here" application to provide simple information so you can get your payment.

You should use this application if:

 You did not file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return because your gross income was under \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples). This includes people who had no income.

• OR You were not required to file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return for other reasons.

IRS: Non-Filers - Enter Your Payment Info Here

#### Non-Filers Who Receive Benefits:

If you receive these benefits, we already have your information and you will receive \$1,200. Do not use this application if you receive:

- Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits
- Railroad Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Special note: People in these groups who have qualifying children under age 17 can use this application to claim the \$500 payment per child.

# **RESOURCES TO HELP YOU**

We all know someone who has been impacted by this crisis. If you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401.274.2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401.846.2264. If you'd like to help, donate here. Other useful resources are available below. You are not alone.



#### Click the buttons below for other useful information:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

RI Office of the Governor, Gina Raimondo

US Department of Veteran Affairs Medicare & Medicaid Resources

**Social Security Resource** 

**United Way Rhode Island** 

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