Do You Qualify for a Stimulus Check?

To help Americans deal with financial uncertainties caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. government — as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act — will automatically send qualifying taxpayers money. **The answers below will help you understand what to expect and how to determine if you qualify.**

WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT?

Eligible taxpayers with income below certain levels.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFYING INCOME LEVELS?

Individual tax filers with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 will receive an automatic economic impact payment of \$1,200. Married couples filing jointly with adjusted gross income up to \$150,000 will receive a \$2,400 economic impact payment. Qualifying individuals also receive \$500 for each eligible child age 16 or under.

WHAT IF MY INCOME IS GREATER THAN THESE AMOUNTS?

You may still qualify for partial payment. The payment for which you are eligible is lowered by \$5 for each \$100 you make above the thresholds. However, you are ineligible for any payment all together if your adjusted gross income is greater than \$99,000 for single filers, \$136,500 for head of household, or \$198,000 for joint filers with no children.

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO GET MY PAYMENT?

If you filed a tax return within the last two years, the government will **automatically** send your qualifying payment to you. If you haven't filed your 2019 tax return yet, the payment will be calculated and distributed based on the information you provided on your 2018 tax return.

WHEN WILL MY ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT ARRIVE?

If you used direct deposit to receive tax refunds in 2018 or 2019, you could receive your payment electronically as soon as mid-to-late April. If your bank information is not on file with the IRS, you will receive a physical check in the mail, mostly likely in May or June.



WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE AND GET THE LATEST UPDATES?

The IRS will post all key information on IRS.gov/coronavirus as soon as it becomes available.

2020 ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT BY THE NUMBERS

\$1,200

What eligible individuals receive

\$2,400

What eligible married couples receive

\$500

Additional amount individuals get for each qualifying child



BEWARE OF SCAMS

The IRS is distributing relief checks automatically. Do not give personal information to anyone over the phone or email, as they could be impersonating the government.

