

# ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act). Most refugees and many non-US citizens are likely eligible for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) benefits.

The CARES Act includes funding for stimulus payments that will be paid out directly by the federal government. You may be eligible, if you:

-  Filed a 2019 or 2018 federal tax return
-  Have a Social Security Number
-  Are a U.S. Citizen, Legal or Conditional Permanent Resident, or meet the IRS residency requirements (essentially—have you been in the United States for 183 days in the last 3 years?)

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Most adults with Social Security Numbers, who are not the dependent of another taxpayer, will receive an economic impact payment of \$1,200 and an additional \$500 for every qualifying child, age 16 or under (your total benefit amount may vary, based on income).

## IMPORTANT

- Economic impact payments are excluded as income for all assistance programs.
- The rebate check is considered a tax credit and will not count toward public charge determinations.
- If you are a two-parent household, both parents will need a SSN to be eligible - you will also need a SSN for each qualifying child.

## WHAT ELSE?

Individuals will receive a paper notice in the mail no later than 15 days after your payment has been disbursed with information about the method by which the payment was made, the amount of the payment, and the phone number for a contact at the IRS to report the failure of receiving the payment.

If you did not file taxes, you can still apply at [IRS.gov/Coronavirus/Economic-Impact-Payments](https://www.irs.gov/Coronavirus/Economic-Impact-Payments) 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.
- **weren't required to file** a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return for other reasons.

If you have additional questions regarding eligibility for the economic impact payment, call 800-829-1040 or go to [IRS.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/Coronavirus).