

IRS Deadlines for Stimulus Payments

Most people have received their family's full economic impact payment (EIP), also known as a stimulus payment, already, especially those who filed a tax return in 2019 or 2018. The IRS sent out over 160 million payments between April and June 2020. For those who have not yet received their full EIP, it's not too late, but important deadlines are coming up!

September 30th Deadline for Social Security, SSI, and VA Benefit Recipients with Children

The IRS has [announced](#) that eligible people with dependent children have until the end of September to register using its [Non-Filers tool](#) in order to receive \$500 per child before the end of 2020. Individuals who missed the previous short deadlines in the spring and have not registered their dependent children with the IRS have until **September 30, 2020** to provide this information so that they can receive their payment this year. Eligible individuals include people who receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits, or Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and have qualifying children under age 17, but who were not required to file a tax return for 2018 or 2019. These individuals should have already received their own \$1,200 stimulus payment automatically in their bank accounts or on their Direct Express cards, but were not sent the \$500 dependent payment for their qualifying children.

This announcement affects the [thousands of low-income](#) people receiving these federal benefits who were unable to meet the deadlines in late April and early May to register their dependents. Those who already used the non-filer tool after the spring deadlines do not need to re-enter the information about their dependent children, and will now be receiving their \$500 payment for each child before the end of this year.

October 15th Deadline for Others to Use Non-Filer Tool

Millions of people who don't typically file taxes because of their income level may be unaware that they qualify for an EIP and that they can also receive a \$500 payment for each of their dependents. Those with little or no income who do not receive Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement, or VA benefits and who did not file a recent tax return for 2018 or 2019 are still able to register using the [Non-Filers tool](#) by October 15, 2020 to receive \$1,200 as a single individual, \$2,400 as a married couple, and \$500 for each dependent child under age 17, this year.

Individuals can still receive an EIP if they haven't filed 2018 or 2019 tax returns for one of the following reasons:

- Single individual with income less than \$12,200
- Married couple with combined income less than \$24,400
- No income

However, individuals must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien
- Not be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return

- Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN)

If individuals don't submit their information before these deadlines, they will need to [file a 2020 tax return by the 2021 tax filing deadline](#) in order to receive their full EIP next year.

Using the Non-Filer Tool

Filling out the Non-Filer form can be tricky. The Non-Filer form does not work well on mobile phones. The form is meant to be filled out on a computer. The form is hosted on [FreeFileFillableForms.com](#), which is a trusted website used by the IRS.

An email address is necessary to file this form. Before starting the form, ensure that the individual can log in to their email account. This may require resetting a password or setting up a new account. An email address is required because each person who submits the form will receive an email either confirming successful submission or identifying problems with the submission. If there were problems with the submission, the email should include instructions to fix the problem.

The Non-Filer form is available in English and Spanish. Some users of the Spanish-language form have reported issues with the form switching to English during the process of filling it out.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has published a step-by-step [guide](#) for helping people to complete the Non-Filer form and get their EIP. People who get stuck can call the IRS's hotline at (800) 919-9835, or contact their local [Low Income Taxpayer Clinic](#).