Economic Impact Payments

for Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs Beneficiaries

Most Social Security (including SSDI and SSI), Railroad Retirement recipients and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries who are not typically required to file a tax return do not need to take action.

Recipients will receive $1,200 payments automatically as a direct deposit or by mail, just as they would normally receive their benefits.

SSA, RRB recipients with eligible children need to act by April 22 for additional $500 per child to be added to payment

People in this group who have qualifying children under age 17 can visit IRS.gov and use the “Non-filers: Enter Payment Info Here” tool to claim the $500 payment per child. Act soon! SSA and RRB beneficiaries must use the tool by noon EST on April 22 to have the $500 added to their soon-to-be-received Economic Impact Payment.

The IRS needs the dependent information before the payments are issued. Otherwise, their payment at this time will be $1,200 and, by law, the additional $500 per eligible child amount would be paid in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

SSI and VA beneficiaries have some additional time beyond April 22 to add their children since their $1,200 automatic payments will be made at a later date.

The IRS will mail a letter to the individual’s last known address within 15 days after the payment is issued.

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