Some veterans benefits recipients with children need to act by September 30 to get $500 Economic Impact Payment

The IRS reopened the registration period for individuals who:

- receive benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs, but
- didn’t receive $500 per child earlier this year when they received their own Economic Impact Payment.

Who should use the Non-Filers tool

Federal benefit recipients can use the IRS’s Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool by September 30, 2020 to get a catch-up payment for a qualifying child. They should only use the tool if they have NOT done one of the following:

- already used the Non-Filers tool to provide information about their qualifying child
- filed their 2019 or 2018 tax return

More information on Economic Impact Payments

A qualifying child is generally one who is younger than 17 in 2019.

The $500 per child catch-up payments will be issued in October.

Those unable to access the Non-Filers tool may file a simplified paper return. See instructions in the Economic Impact Payment FAQs on IRS.gov.

Anyone who misses the September 30 deadline will need to claim the payment as a credit on their 2020 federal income tax return.

Eligible recipients can check the status of their catch-up payment using the Get My Payment tool on IRS.gov.

They will receive another Notice 1444 in the mail after the payment is issued. They should keep it with their tax records.

Federal benefit recipients who used the Non-Filers tool after May 5 to provide information on children don’t need to take any further action. The IRS will automatically send a payment in October.