



IRS Toolkit for Partners: Helping Individuals with the 2021 Tax Filing Season and the 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit

This guide includes:

- Information on how the Recovery Rebate Credit relates to Economic Impact Payments issued in 2020 and early 2021
- Tax filing season topics, including pandemic-related changes and reminders
- Multilingual materials to share about several filing season topics

Key points about Economic Impact Payments and the Recovery Rebate Credit:

- Most individuals eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received the full amount in two rounds of payments, known as Economic Impact Payments.
- All Economic Impact Payments have now been issued.
- Eligible people who didn't get any Economic Impact Payments or got less than the full amounts may qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit and must file a 2020 tax return to claim the credit even if they don't normally file.

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Introduction: 2021 filing season and the Recovery Rebate Credit

Dear partners,

As we navigate the 2021 tax filing season, we need your help with sharing information about tax filing options and pandemic-related changes and reminders.

Since early 2020, the IRS and its partners have shared information about a variety of [tax relief](#) topics to help people during the coronavirus pandemic. This includes Economic Impact Payments – often called stimulus payments.

The first and second Economic Impact Payments were advance payments of a 2020 tax credit – the [Recovery Rebate Credit](#). The first round of Economic Impact Payments was based on an individual's 2019 tax year information or 2018 tax year information if a 2019 return had not been processed. The second Economic Impact Payments were based on an individual's 2019 tax year information. The Recovery Rebate Credit is based on an individual's 2020 tax year information reported on the 2020 tax return.

Eligible people who didn't get Economic Impact Payments or didn't get the full amounts of the payments must file a 2020 tax return to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit. This includes people who aren't normally required to file.

To avoid refund delays, taxpayers should file complete and accurate tax returns. The IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically and allow tax software to figure credits and deductions, including the Recovery Rebate Credit. The worksheets in the [Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions](#) can also help.

Please share information and materials in this toolkit with constituents, friends, family, community organizations and others through your social media accounts, website, newsletters, emails or other methods.

For the latest information during the filing season:

- [Subscribe](#) to the [Outreach Connection for Individuals](#) page to get email alerts when we post outreach materials, IRS Tax Tips, news releases and more.
- Follow the IRS on its [social media platforms](#) – and please share our content from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Thank you for your help!



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Key points for tax filing season and how partners can help

Let people know about pandemic-related tax topics and changes.

- **New income options for Earned Income Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit:** The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break. Taxpayers may elect to use their 2019 earned income to figure the [EITC](#) if they earned more in 2019 than in 2020. This option also exists for the [Additional Child Tax Credit](#). The ACTC is for families whose tax is less than the full amount of the Child Tax Credit.
- **Unemployment benefits:** The IRS reminds taxpayers that [unemployment](#) benefits are taxable. They should be issued a Form 1099-G from the issuing state agency. Some taxpayers may need to get Form 1099-G by visiting their state's unemployment website where they signed up for unemployment benefits.

Taxpayers who receive Forms 1099-G reporting unemployment benefits they did not receive should contact the issuing state agencies to request a corrected Form 1099-G showing they did not receive these benefits. Taxpayers who are unable to obtain a timely, corrected form from states should still file an accurate tax return, reporting only the income they received. A corrected Form 1099-G showing zero unemployment benefits in cases of identity theft will help taxpayers avoid being hit with an unexpected federal tax bill for unreported income. See [Identity Theft and Unemployment Benefits](#) on IRS.gov for steps to report fraud to the state agencies.

There should be no effect on the processing of tax returns or payment of tax refunds for those taxpayers whose identities were fraudulently used to claim unemployment benefits. Taxpayers who receive erroneous Forms 1099-G do not need to file a Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. A taxpayer should file a Form 14039 only if the taxpayers' e-filed tax return is rejected because a duplicate return with his or her Social Security number is already on file or if the IRS instructs the taxpayer to file a Form 14039.

Taxpayers who were victims of an unemployment benefits identity theft scheme should consider opting into the IRS Identity Protection PIN program. An IP PIN is a six-digit number that helps prevent thieves from filing federal tax returns in the names of identity theft victims. The IP PIN is a voluntary program open to any taxpayer who can verify his or her identity. See more details at [Get an IP PIN](#).

- **Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit:** Most people who are eligible for the [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) already received it, in advance, in two rounds of Economic Impact Payments. However, some people who did not receive Economic Impact Payments, or received less than the full amounts of those payments, may need to review their situations to determine their eligibility for the Recovery Rebate Credit or ask their tax professional about it. These situations include:
 - Income change
 - Birth or adoption of a qualifying child in 2020
 - No longer a dependent
 - Received a Social Security number in 2020



For more details on these situations, see “*Who may need to determine eligibility for Recovery Rebate Credit and take action*” information later in this toolkit.

Urge people to visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information. The IRS expects long waits on its toll-free telephone help lines to continue into the filing season and service at its Taxpayer Assistance Centers will continue to be by appointment only. As the pandemic continues, the IRS urges taxpayers to look for the information and help they need on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). On [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov), they can learn about tax return filing options, view and download forms and instructions, view their online accounts, check their refunds, find answers to tax questions and resolve tax issues online and contact-free.

Encourage electronic filing and direct deposit for faster refunds and to avoid delays. E-filing combined with direct deposit is the fastest way to get a refund. IRS [Free File](https://www.irs.gov/efile) is a free option available for people with adjusted gross income of \$72,000 or less. [Free File Fillable Forms](https://www.irs.gov/efile) is available to taxpayers of all income levels.

[MilTax](https://www.miltax.com) is another free tax resource available for the military community, offered through the Department of Defense. It’s a suite of tax services available for members of the military, as well as qualifying veterans and family members. There are no income limits.

Remind people about free tax preparation sites or how to find a trusted tax professional. People can visit [IRS.gov/filing](https://www.irs.gov/filing) for details about [free VITA or TCE tax preparation sites](https://www.irs.gov/filing) in their community or information about finding a [trusted tax professional](https://www.irs.gov/filing). The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. This year, some VITA/TCE sites are not operating at full capacity and others are not opening. However, some sites will offer virtual help in place of face-to-face assistance. Check the VITA/TCE [locator tool](https://www.irs.gov/filing) to search for available sites nearby.

Our locator tools are updated throughout the filing season, so people should check back if they don’t see a nearby site listed.

Warn people to watch for scams. The IRS doesn’t initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Watch out for websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information and for schemes tied to Economic Impact Payments or other tax topics. [Report these scams](https://www.irs.gov/efile) to the IRS.

Recovery Rebate Credit: How it relates to Economic Impact Payments

The first and second Economic Impact Payments were advance payments of a 2020 tax credit, which is called the Recovery Rebate Credit.

The first round of Economic Impact Payments was based on an individual’s 2019 tax year information or 2018 tax year information if the 2019 return had not been processed. The second Economic Impact Payments were based on an individual’s 2019 tax year information.

The Recovery Rebate Credit is based on 2020 tax return information. People who are eligible for a Recovery Rebate Credit – and either didn’t receive any Economic Impact Payments or received less than the full amounts – may claim the credit by filing a 2020 federal tax return.



Individuals must file a 2020 return to claim the credit, even if they don't usually file. Individuals use Line 30 of Form 1040 and 1040-SR to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit.

There is no provision in the law that requires individuals who qualified for and received an Economic Impact Payment based on their 2018 or 2019 tax information to pay back all or part of the payment if they qualify for a smaller Recovery Rebate Credit based on their 2020 return information.

A note for all who received a first or second Economic Impact Payment

If you received the full amount for each Economic Impact Payment, you won't need to include any information about the payments or claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file your 2020 tax return because you have already received the Recovery Rebate Credit as Economic Impact Payments.

The Economic Impact Payments are not includible in your gross income. Therefore, you will not report the payments as income on your 2020 federal income tax return or pay income tax on them.

Economic Impact Payments can't be counted as income when determining if you or anyone else is eligible for benefits or assistance, or how much you or anyone else can receive, under any federal program or under any state or local program financed in whole or in part with federal funds. These programs also can't count Economic Impact Payments as a resource for purposes of determining eligibility for a period of 12 months from receipt.

Who may need to determine eligibility for Recovery Rebate Credit and take action

Most people who are eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received it, in advance, as the first and second Economic Impact Payments. People who are eligible – and either didn't receive any Economic Impact Payments or received less than the full amounts –

Example of how the Recovery Rebate Credit works with Economic Impact Payments

Michael filed his **2019** tax return as a single filer with no dependents in February 2020 with adjusted gross income, or AGI, of \$80,000.

When the IRS issued the first Economic Impact Payment, Michael's 2019 tax return was processed. Michael's AGI was higher than \$75,000 – the threshold for the *full* \$1,200 payment for an individual for the first payment – so his payment was reduced. He was eligible and received \$950.

Similarly, the IRS used 2019 tax information to issue the second Economic Impact Payments. Using Michael's 2019 return, with his AGI above \$75,000 – the threshold for the *full* \$600 payment for an individual for the second payment – this payment also was reduced. He was eligible and got \$350.

Combining \$950 and \$350, Michael received \$1,300 of his 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit in advance through the first and second EIPs, based on his 2019 tax return.

In **2020**, Michael's AGI is \$70,000. Because Michael's AGI is not above the \$75,000 threshold, he's now eligible for the full Recovery Rebate Credit of \$1,800, but he must reduce the credit he will claim on his 2020 tax return by \$1,300, the total amount of Economic Impact Payments he received.



may claim the Recovery Rebate Credit by filing a 2020 tax return. These individuals must file a 2020 tax return to claim the credit, even if they don't usually file.

If you received the full amount for each Economic Impact Payment, you won't need to include any information about either payment when you file your 2020 tax return. The full amounts were the following:

- **First payment:** The full amount was \$1,200 (\$2,400 if married filing jointly) plus \$500 for each qualifying child
- **Second payment:** The full amount was \$600 (\$1,200 if married filing jointly) plus \$600 for each qualifying child

If you either didn't receive any Economic Impact Payments or received less than these full amounts, you may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit based on your 2020 tax information and must file a 2020 federal tax return to claim the credit.

People who were not eligible for Economic Impact Payments or received less than the full amounts could be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit.

If you were not eligible for either or both of the Economic Impact Payments, you may still be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit since it's based on your 2020 tax return information. The Economic Impact Payments were based on your 2018 or 2019 tax information.

Factors that may affect your eligibility for the Recovery Rebate Credit include the following:

- **Income change:** Some people may have received less than the full Economic Impact Payments because their 2019 (or, in certain instances, 2018) adjusted gross income was above a certain amount. Lower income in 2020 could make someone eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit.
- **Qualifying child:** Birth, adoption or fostering of an eligible child in 2020. Note: Children must be under the age of 17 at the end of 2020 to qualify a taxpayer for the Recovery Rebate Credit for 2020.
- **No longer a dependent:** An individual who was or could be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return for 2018 or 2019, but cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return for 2020, may now be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit.
- **Social Security number:** Individuals who did not have a Social Security number valid for employment in 2018 or 2019 but receive one before the due date of their 2020 return (including extensions) may now be eligible. For married taxpayers filing joint returns, at least one spouse [must have a valid Social Security number to claim](#) the Recovery Rebate Credit.

To claim the Recovery Rebate Credit, you must file a federal 2020 tax return even if you don't usually file.

The IRS's "[Do I Need to File a Tax Return](#)" tool can help people determine if they are required to file.



Eligibility requirements

For more information see the [FAQs](#) for the Recovery Rebate Credit — Topic B: Eligibility.

Generally, if you were a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien in 2020, were not a dependent of another taxpayer and have a Social Security number that is valid for employment and issued before the due date of the 2020 tax return (including any extension), you may be [eligible](#) for the Recovery Rebate Credit. For taxpayers filing joint returns, at least one spouse [must have a valid Social Security number](#) to claim any Recovery Rebate Credit.

Your credit amount will be reduced if your adjusted gross income (AGI) is more than:

- \$150,000 if married and filing a joint return or filing as a qualifying widow or widower
- \$112,500 if filing as head of household or
- \$75,000 for eligible individuals filing as a single or as married filing separately.

Your credit amount will be reduced by 5% of the amount by which your AGI exceeds the applicable threshold above. Your credit is also reduced by the amount of Economic Impact Payments issued to you.

Qualifying child: A **qualifying child** for the Recovery Rebate Credit is a child who meets the following conditions:

- **Relationship to the individual who is eligible for the credit:** The child is your son, daughter, stepchild, eligible foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, grandchild, niece or nephew).
- **Child's age:** The child was under age 17 on December 31, 2020.
- **Dependent of the individual who's eligible for the credit:** The child's claimed as a dependent on your 2020 tax return.
- **Child's citizenship:** The child's a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. resident alien.
- **Child's residency:** The child lived with you for more than half of 2020.
- **Support for child:** The child didn't provide over half of own support in 2020.
- **Child's tax return:** The child doesn't file a joint return for the 2020 tax year (or files it only to claim a refund of withheld income tax or estimated tax paid).

To be claimed for the Recovery Rebate Credit, the child must have a Social Security number that is valid for employment issued by the Social Security Administration before April 15, 2021 (or October 15, 2021, if there is an approved extension to file) or have an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the IRS.

Deceased individuals: An individual who died prior to January 1, 2020, does not qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit. An individual who died in 2020 or in 2021 and did not receive the full amount of the Economic Impact Payment may be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit if the individual met the eligibility requirements.

For more information about how to complete your return in this situation, see Recovery Rebate Credit [FAQs](#) – Topic D: Calculating the Credit.



How to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit

For more information see the [FAQs](#) for the Recovery Rebate Credit — Topic C: Claiming the Credit.

Most people who are eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received it, in advance, in two rounds of Economic Impact Payments.

If you're [eligible](#), you may claim the [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) and must file a 2020 federal tax return to claim it. Avoid refund delays and file electronically using tax software. Tax software will do the calculations for you. The [Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions](#) also have a worksheet that can help.

File electronically for faster refunds and to avoid paper delays

The IRS strongly encourages you to file electronically and choose [direct deposit](#) to avoid paper delays. E-filing combined with direct deposit is the fastest way to get a refund.

If your income is \$72,000 or less, you can use brand-name software to prepare and file your federal tax return electronically for free with [IRS Free File](#). IRS Free File offers online tax preparation, direct deposit of refunds and electronic filing, all for free. Some Free File options are available in Spanish. IRS Free File is a great option for people who are only filing a tax return to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit.

In addition, [Free File Fillable Forms](#) is available to taxpayers of all income levels. [MilTax](#) is another free tax resource available for the military community, offered through the Department of Defense. MilTax is a suite of tax services available for members of the military, as well as qualifying veterans and family members. There are no income limits.

If you didn't receive any Economic Impact Payments

If you're eligible for a Recovery Rebate Credit but didn't receive any Economic Impact Payments, you'll need to file a 2020 tax return to claim the credit even if you are not required to file a tax return.

If you did receive some Economic Impact Payments

If you're eligible for a Recovery Rebate Credit – and you think you qualify for a credit that is more than the Economic Impact Payments you received – you'll need to file a 2020 tax return and claim the Recovery Rebate Credit even if you otherwise are not required to file a tax return.

Not sure if you're required to file?

The IRS's "[Do I Need to File a Tax Return](#)" tool can help people determine if they are required to file.

If you aren't required to file but you're eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit, see this FAQ for helpful information about filing a return to claim this credit:

- [Recovery Rebate Credit – Topic A: Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit if you aren't required to file a tax return.](#)

Tax software can do the calculations for you. The [Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions](#) also have a worksheet that can help. For more information see the [FAQs](#) for the Recovery Rebate Credit — Topic D: Calculating the Credit.



If you're eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit, you will need the amount of any Economic Impact Payments you received to calculate your credit amount. The Recovery Rebate Credit is reduced by any Economic Impact Payments issued.

You can find your payment amounts on IRS notices. Notice 1444, Your Economic Impact Payment shows the amount of the first EIP. The IRS is mailing Notice 1444-B, which shows the amount of the second EIP.

You can also get the information you need on [IRS.gov/account](https://www.irs.gov/account). Set up an account or log in to your federal tax account information to view what you may need when you file your 2020 tax return. Two important reasons to have an account are:

- to view the amounts of the Economic Impact Payments that were issued.
- to see the amount of your adjusted gross income from 2019 if you use different software than last year.

For more details, see [Recovery Rebate Credit — Topic F: Finding the Economic Impact Payment Amount to Calculate the Recovery Rebate Credit](#).

Need a bank? Prefer contact-free options?

The fastest way to get your tax refund is to [file electronically](#) and have it [direct deposited](#) – contactless and free – into your bank account, prepaid debit card or mobile app. You will need to provide the routing and account numbers no matter which option you choose.

Don't have a bank account but want to choose direct deposit?

- Visit the [FDIC website](#) for information on where to find a bank that can open an account online and how to choose the right account for you.
- Veterans can use the [Veterans Benefits Banking Program](#) for access to financial services at participating banks.
- Tax return preparers or software providers may also offer options.

When you can expect your credit and how to check on your refund

For more information, see the [FAQs](#) for the Recovery Rebate Credit — Topic E: Receiving the Credit.

The IRS urges people to visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the most current information on the Recovery Rebate Credit rather than calling the agency, financial institutions or tax software providers.

The Recovery Rebate Credit is a refundable credit, which means it is paid dollar-for-dollar as a tax refund, even if you owe no tax. Generally, a credit increases the amount of your tax refund or decreases the amount of taxes owed. The amount you receive for the Recovery Rebate Credit will be included as part of your refund or applied to any tax owed.

If you are eligible for a refund of your 2020 income tax, then the amount you receive for the [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) will be included as part of your 2020 tax refund. It will not be issued separately.



The IRS will not calculate the Recovery Rebate Credit for people who do not claim it on Line 30 of their 2020 tax returns. If you claim the Recovery Rebate Credit but make a mistake in calculating the amount, the IRS will calculate the correct amount of the credit, make the correction to your tax return and continue processing your return. If a correction is needed, there may be a delay in processing your return and the IRS will send you a notice explaining any change made.

To avoid refund delays, you must file a complete and accurate return. Most refunds are issued in less than 21 days, but some refunds may take longer for a variety of reasons.

You can check the status of your refund using the IRS's [Where's My Refund?](#) tool. Generally, you will receive your refund within 3 weeks if you file electronically or 8 weeks if you mail your return. To use Where's My Refund? you'll need your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, your filing status, and your exact refund amount.



Resource guide introduction: Ideas for using and sharing IRS materials

Each topic in these resource guides includes some of the following materials, often in languages in addition to English. Learn how to make the most of them below.

- **IRS.gov resources:** Learn the basics on a topic and share these key IRS.gov pages if people need more information. You'll find other language options at the top of the page.
- **Ready-to-use articles:** Short articles to copy and share in emails, websites, etc.
- **E-posters:** We've provided a mini-copy of the English version as a preview. You can access e-posters in other languages using the links below its title. Use the e-posters as:
 - fliers to distribute in your office or community or post on bulletin boards
 - social media content
 - email or newsletter content
 - web content

To save the PDF to your computer:

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 - Press "Okay" to open the file.
 - Click on "File," then "Save as."
 - Select where on your computer you would like to save the PDF.
 - If you'd like to use a different file name than the one that appears, type your chosen file name in the box.
 - Press the "Save" button.
- **Social media content:** Remember you can follow the IRS on its [social media platforms](#) and share content straight from IRS's accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn. To copy an image from the toolkit to use on your own platforms:
 - Right-click on the image.
 - Choose "Save as Picture."
 - Select where on your computer you would like to save the image.
 - Type your chosen file name in the "File name" box.
 - Press the "Save" button.
 - **IRS YouTube videos:** Please share IRS YouTube videos on your social media platforms, website, emails, etc. All are available in English with some in Spanish and American Sign Language. To embed IRS videos on your website or a blog:
 - On a computer, open the video you want to share.
 - Under the video, click "Share."
 - Click "Embed."
 - From the box that appears, copy the HTML code.
 - Paste the code into your blog or website HTML.



Resource Guide A: General filing season

IRS.gov resources

- [Tax Information for Individuals](#) on IRS.gov, available in eight languages, includes alerts, links to filing options, IRS tools, payment options, forms, instructions and more.
- [Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax](#), is a comprehensive guide to 2020 tax benefits and useful tips. It's currently available in English and [Spanish](#). Coming soon: Russian, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese (simplified and traditional).
- [Fact sheet 2021-02](#), Be tax ready: Understand how life changes may affect the 2020 tax return filed this year. Also available in [Spanish](#).

Ready-to-use articles

- IRS modernizes Publication 17, the complete guide for individual tax filing information [English](#)
- Get Ready for Taxes: Gather your records to make tax filing easier in 2021 [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Social media content

IRS.gov/help image and posts



#IRS Reminder: Use IRS.gov for quick answers to tax related questions. See www.irs.gov/help

Need tax answers from #IRS right now? Our website has help available to you at any time: www.irs.gov/help

Avoid long hold times on the telephone. Use the #IRS online tools and get answers to many common tax questions at www.irs.gov/help

IRS FAQs image and posts



From what's new in taxes to whether you even have to file an #IRS return – for quick answers check our FAQs: www.irs.gov/faqs

Finding answers to your tax questions may be easier than you think. Get started by checking the #IRS FAQs: www.irs.gov/faqs



IRS reminders posts

Getting ready to file your 2020 tax return? Read these important #IRS reminders: <https://go.usa.gov/xAtk5>

It's been an unpredictable year with many changes and challenges. #IRS has a few reminders to help you file your 2020 tax return. Read: <https://go.usa.gov/xAtk5>

Your 2020 federal tax return may look different from previous years' returns. Review these #IRS reminders before filing: <https://go.usa.gov/xAtk5>

Resource Guide B: Recovery Rebate Credit

IRS.gov resources

- The [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) page on IRS.gov, available in eight languages.
- [Recovery Rebate Credit FAQs](#) in English and Spanish.
- Our [Partner and Promotional Materials](#) page, with multilingual materials related to the Recovery Rebate Credit. We frequently post new materials, including Tax Tips.

Ready-to-use articles

- Check your Recovery Rebate Credit eligibility [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- IRS Free File makes taxes less taxing [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

IRS YouTube video

- [Recovery Rebate Credit](#)

E-posters – English versions are shown as a preview. See links for PDF files of additional languages you can access at IRS.gov.

Publication 5486, Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit on a 2020 Tax Return

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#) | [Haitian Creole](#) | [Korean](#) | [Chinese \(simplified\)](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit on a 2020 Tax Return

Most people who are eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received it, in advance, in two rounds of Economic Impact Payments. Individuals who received the full amounts of both Economic Impact Payments do not need to complete any information about the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2020 tax return.

People received the full amounts of both Economic Impact Payments if:

- › Their first Economic Impact Payment was \$1,200 (\$2,400 if married filing jointly) plus \$500 for each qualifying child, and
- › Their second Economic Impact Payment was \$600 (\$1,200 if married filing jointly) plus \$500 for each qualifying child.

About the Recovery Rebate Credit

- › People who are eligible – and either didn't receive any Economic Impact Payments or received less than the full amounts – may claim the Recovery Rebate Credit. They must file a 2020 tax return to claim it even if they don't usually file a tax return.
- › The eligibility requirements are the same for the Recovery Rebate Credit as they were for the Economic Impact Payments except that the credit eligibility and the credit amount are based on 2020 tax year information.
- › File a complete and accurate tax return to avoid refund delays. The IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically and allow tax software to figure the Recovery Rebate Credit. The Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions have a worksheet that can help.

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Publication 5486-A, Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit When You Don't Normally File a Tax Return

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

IRS.gov/freefile

IRS Free File available now

Claim the Recovery Rebate Credit & other tax credits

IRS Free File online products are available to any taxpayer or family who earned \$72,000 or less in 2020.

There are nine products in English and two in Spanish.

Taxpayers should visit www.irs.gov/FreeFile to find the Free File product that fits their needs.

Use IRS Free File to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit:

- in 2020, the IRS issued two Economic Impact Payments. The first payments were up to \$1,200 per eligible person and \$500 per qualifying child. The second payments were up to \$600 per eligible person and \$600 per qualifying child.
- Eligible taxpayers – who did not receive a payment or the full amount – can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when they file their 2020 tax return.

Working families can also use IRS Free File to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, which provides a refundable tax credit based on income and family size.

Taxpayers also should remember that unemployment benefits paid by states are taxable income. States should send Forms 1099-G to those who received jobless benefits.

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IRS.gov/rrc

Claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit When You Don't Normally File a Tax Return

If you're **eligible** – and either didn't receive Economic Impact Payments or if you think you qualify for more than you received – you may claim the **Recovery Rebate Credit** and must file a 2020 tax return even if you otherwise are not required to file a tax return.

No income? Or, you usually don't have to file? You still must file a 2020 tax return if you're eligible for a Recovery Rebate Credit. Tax software will ask for specific information and calculate it for you. Learn more at Recovery Rebate Credit **Frequently Asked Questions**.

IRS Free File is a great option for people who are only filing a tax return to claim the **Recovery Rebate Credit**. The most secure and fastest way to get a tax refund, which would include your Recovery Rebate Credit, is to combine electronic filing with direct deposit.

See the special section on IRS.gov about **claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit** if you aren't required to file a tax return.

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Publication 5478, IRS Free File available now; Claim the Recovery Rebate Credit and other tax credits

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Social media content

Recovery Rebate Credit – General image

Eligible people missing either the 1st or 2nd Economic Impact Payment can claim it through the Recovery Rebate Credit when they file their taxes.

www.irs.gov/eip

All first and second Economic Impact Payments have been issued by the IRS.

If you didn't receive a payment, you may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit.

www.irs.gov/eip

#IRS: All first and second Economic Impact Payments have been issued. If you didn't receive a payment or didn't receive the full amount of a payment, you may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file a 2020 tax return. <https://go.usa.gov/xs2K2> #COVIDreliefIRS

Didn't receive an Economic Impact Payment? Although #IRS has issued all first and second Economic Impact Payments, you may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file a 2020 tax return. <https://go.usa.gov/xs2K2> #COVIDreliefIRS



Video on the Recovery Rebate Credit – Social media posts

If you didn't get the Economic Impact Payments or qualify for more than you received, watch an #IRS video to see if you can claim a Recovery Rebate Credit when you file taxes this year. https://youtu.be/1GB_o6_SDVA #COVIDreliefIRS

The Recovery Rebate Credit was paid in advance to most people as Economic Impact Payments. If you didn't get the payments or qualify for more, watch this #IRS video: https://youtu.be/1GB_o6_SDVA #COVIDreliefIRS

If you're eligible and didn't receive Economic Impact Payments, you may be able to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file your 2020 #IRS tax return. https://youtu.be/1GB_o6_SDVA #COVIDreliefIRS

Watch an #IRS video to learn more about the Recovery Rebate Credit, and remember: The most accurate way to claim it is to file electronically https://youtu.be/1GB_o6_SDVA #COVIDreliefIRS

Got time for a quick #IRS video? Watch to find out if you qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit on your tax return this year. https://youtu.be/1GB_o6_SDVA #COVIDreliefIRS

Recovery Rebate Credit: Online Account for EIP amount – Image and posts

**You can now
view your
Economic Impact
Payment
amounts, if any,
within your
online account.**



www.irs.gov/account

#IRS has an online tool that allows you to check your Economic Impact Payments and details of your federal taxes. See www.irs.gov/account #COVIDreliefIRS

Checking your Economic Impact Payments on your #IRS account online? As a first-time user you must authenticate your identity through the secure access process. Get started at www.irs.gov/account #COVIDreliefIRS

If you didn't get the full Economic Impact Payments you may be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit. Before getting started, your #IRS account online can help figure out what you've already received: www.irs.gov/account #COVIDreliefIRS

Recovery Rebate Credit and Free File – Social media posts

#IRSFreeFile can help families find and claim all the tax credits and deductions they're eligible for, including the Recovery Rebate Credit. For more info: www.irs.gov/freefile #IRS #COVIDreliefIRS

If you didn't receive an Economic Impact Payment, you may be able to claim the #IRS Recovery Rebate Credit using #IRSFreeFile. Free File offers free tax software, electronic filing and direct deposit. www.irs.gov/freefile #COVIDreliefIRS



Recovery Rebate Credit – Multilingual images and posts

Eligible individuals who did not receive the full amounts of both Economic Impact Payments may claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2020 Form 1040 or 1040-SR.



www.irs.gov/rrc 

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www.irs.gov/rrc 

Những cá nhân đủ điều kiện mà chưa nhận được toàn bộ số tiền của cả hai khoản Thanh Toán Tác Động Kinh Tế có thể yêu cầu khoản Tín Thuế Trợ Cấp Phục Hồi trên Mẫu 1040 hoặc 1040-SR năm 2020 của họ.



www.irs.gov/rrc 

Соответствующие критериям лица, которые не получили в полном объеме обе выплаты в связи с экономическими последствиями, могут подать заявку на стабилизационный льготный кредит по форме 1040 или 1040-SR за 2020 год.



www.irs.gov/rrc 

경제 충격 지원금의 총액을 받지 못한 자격 있는 개인은 환급 회수 세액공제를 2020년도 양식 1040 혹은 양식 1040-SR에 신청할 수 있습니다.



www.irs.gov/rrc 

未收到全部经济影响付款的符合条件的个人可在其2020年1040表格或1040-SR表格上申请纾困金退税额。



www.irs.gov/rrc 

Personas elegibles que no recibieron el monto completo de los pagos de impacto económico, pueden reclamar el Crédito de recuperación de reembolso en un Formulario 1040 o 1040-SR del 2020.



www.irs.gov/rrc 

English – If eligible, you can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file your 2020 tax return electronically using tax software or on paper. www.irs.gov/rrc #IRS

Spanish – Si usted es elegible, puede reclamar el Crédito de recuperación de reembolso cuando presente su declaración de impuestos de 2020 electrónicamente usando el software de impuestos o en papel. <https://go.usa.gov/xAhEJ> #IRS

Chinese – 如果符合资格，您可以在使用税务软件以电子方式或书面提交2020年报税表时申请纾困金退税额。 <https://go.usa.gov/xAhmx> #IRS

Korean – 자격이 있다면, 2020년 소득세 신고시에 세금 소프트웨어를 사용하여 전자 신청하거나 종이로 회수 환급 세액공제를 신청할 수 있습니다. <https://go.usa.gov/xAhmY> #IRS

Russian (says Recovery Rebate Credit; original sentence won't fit within Twitter character limits) – Стабилизационный льготный кредит <https://go.usa.gov/xAhm4> #IRS

Vietnamese – Nếu đủ điều kiện, quý vị có thể yêu cầu khoản Tín Thuế Trợ Cấp Phục Hồi khi quý vị khai thuế điện tử cho năm 2020 bằng cách sử dụng nhu liệu thuế hoặc trên giấy. <https://go.usa.gov/xAhmZ> #IRS

Haitian Creole – Si ou elijib, ou ka fè reklamasyon kredi a repwann lè ou ranpli deklarasyon taks sou revni 2020 ou elektwonikman lè l sèvi avèk lojisyèl taks oswa sou papyè. <https://go.usa.gov/xAhmK> #IRS



Resource Guide C: E-file and Free File

IRS.gov resources

- The [Electronic Filing Options for Individuals](#) page, available in eight languages, to learn more about electronic filing options or find an authorized e-file provider.
- The [Free File: Do your Federal Taxes for Free](#) page on IRS.gov, available in eight languages. If your income is \$72,000 or less, check options to prepare and e-file your federal tax returns for free through leading tax software providers.

Ready-to-use articles

- IRS Free File makes taxes less taxing [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

IRS YouTube video

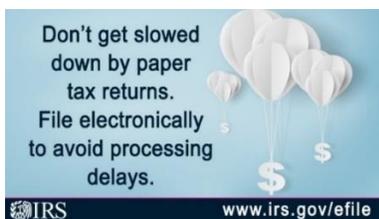
- Do Your Taxes for Free with Free File [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

E-posters

- Publication 5478, IRS Free File available now; Claim the Recovery Rebate Credit and other tax credits [English](#) | [Spanish](#). See *Resource Guide B: Recovery Rebate Credit*, for a preview.
- Publication 5399, EITC & Free File, [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese \(traditional\)](#) | [Korean](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Haitian Creole](#). See *Resource Guide F: Earned Income Tax Credit*, for a preview.

Social media content

E-file – General images and posts



When you file taxes electronically, there is nothing to mail and the return is virtually mistake-free. This means the fastest way for you to get an #IRS refund in 2021 is to combine e-file with direct deposit. www.irs.gov/efile

#IRS urges you to ask your tax preparer to e-file your return. This will prevent delays in processing. Learn more at: www.irs.gov/efile



#IRS reminder: Filing electronically is easy, safe and the most accurate way to file taxes. Avoid unnecessary paper processing delays in 2021: www.irs.gov/efile

Avoid paper-related processing delays this year. You can file your #IRS return electronically by using a #TaxPro, #IRSFreeFile or other commercial tax software. www.irs.gov/efile

The IRS cautioned paper-filed tax returns and paper checks will take longer. Please file electronically and choose direct deposit to avoid pandemic paper delays. www.irs.gov/efile

#IRS Reminder: Now more than ever, e-file with direct deposit are best to avoid pandemic delays. www.irs.gov/efile

Now more than ever, the safest and fastest way to file a tax return and get a refund from #IRS is to file electronically and use direct deposit. www.irs.gov/efile

The fastest way to get a tax refund from #IRS is to file electronically and use direct deposit. www.irs.gov/efile

Free File – General images



#IRSFreeFile is available, offering you tax software to do your 2020 taxes for free. www.irs.gov/freefile

#IRS Free tax filing options are available to most people. Be sure to check #IRSFreeFile this tax filing season: www.irs.gov/freefile

You can claim your tax refund without spending any money. #IRSFreeFile offers people who made \$72K or less in 2020 tax software to do their #IRS tax returns from a home computer or mobile device. Check www.irs.gov/freefile

Use #IRSFreeFile for free federal tax return preparation, free electronic filing and free direct deposit of refunds to help get your money faster. www.irs.gov/freefile #IRS

Use your smart phone or tablet to do your #IRS taxes with #IRSFreeFile software www.irs.gov/freefile



Practicing social distancing? Don't forget you can file your #IRS tax refund from home. Free options are available to most people--and if you don't have computer access, try #IRSFreeFile from your smartphone: www.irs.gov/freefile

#IRSFreeFile allows for FREE electronic tax preparation, filing and direct deposit of refunds. www.irs.gov/freefile #IRS

Free File – Multilingual images and posts

Presente gratis sus impuestos en línea



File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

Khai thuế liên bang trực tuyến miễn phí



File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

Подайте Вашу федеральную налоговую декларацию бесплатно по Интернету



File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

연방 세금을 온라인에서 무료로 신고하세요



File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

免費報稅：免費申報聯邦稅



File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

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File your federal taxes online for free



www.irs.gov/freefile

English – #IRS Free File lets you prepare and file your federal income tax online for free. It's safe, easy and no cost to you. www.irs.gov/freefile

Spanish – Free File del #IRS le permite preparar y presentar su declaración de impuestos gratis. Es seguro, fácil y sin costo a usted. www.irs.gov/freefile

Chinese – 国税局免费报税允许您在线免费筹划并申报联邦所得税。安全、方便，无需任何成本。
www.irs.gov/freefile #IRS

Korean – #IRS 무료 보고를 이용하면 온라인으로 연방 소득세 신고서 작성 및 제출을 무료로 할 수 있습니다. 안전하고 간편하며 별도의 비용이 발생하지 않습니다. www.irs.gov/freefile

Russian – Средство Free File для бесплатной подачи налоговых деклараций позволяет подготовить и подать свою федеральную подоходную налоговую декларацию бесплатно по Интернету. www.irs.gov/freefile #IRS

Vietnamese – Dịch vụ Khai Miễn Phí của #IRS cho phép quý vị chuẩn bị và khai thuế thu nhập liên bang trực tuyến miễn phí. Việc đó là an toàn, dễ dàng và miễn phí cho quý vị. Việc đó là an toàn, dễ dàng và miễn phí cho quý vị. www.irs.gov/freefile

Haitian Creole – Deklarasyon Gratis #IRS la pèmèt ou prepare epi deklare taks federal sou revni w gratis sou entènèt. Sa fasil, san danje epi sa pa koute w anyen. www.irs.gov/freefile



Resource Guide D: Direct deposit

IRS.gov resources

- [Direct Deposit: Get Your Refund Faster](#) page, available in eight languages

IRS YouTube video

- Direct Deposit for Your Tax Refund [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

Social media content



#IRSDirectDeposit is simple, safe and secure. And you can get your refund deposited into one, two or three different accounts, if you'd like. www.irs.gov/directdeposit

This tax season, consider choosing #IRSDirectDeposit for your refund. It avoids the possibility that your check gets lost, stolen or returned to the #IRS as undeliverable. www.irs.gov/directdeposit

This filing season, remember E-file plus #IRSDirectDeposit yields the fastest refunds. www.irs.gov/directdeposit #IRS

Resource Guide E: Payment options

IRS.gov resources

- [Paying Your Taxes](#), available in eight languages, includes all payment options and information about what to do if you can't pay your taxes

IRS YouTube videos

- Owe Taxes but Can't Pay? [English](#)
- Easy Ways to Pay IRS Taxes [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)
- Need a Payment Plan? Consider Using the Online Payment Agreement Application [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)
- Looking to Settle for Less with the IRS? [English](#)



Social media content

IRS provides various payment options for taxpayers who owe but can't pay in full

www.irs.gov/payments



IRS ofrece muchas opciones de pago para quienes adeudan impuestos, pero no pueden pagar en su totalidad

www.irs.gov/pagos



IRS cung cấp các lựa chọn thanh toán khác nhau cho những người đóng thuế còn nợ nhưng không thể thanh toán đầy đủ

www.irs.gov/payments



Налоговое управление в США предоставляет различные варианты уплаты для налогоплательщиков, которые обязаны уплатить налог и, но не в состоянии уплатить их полностью

www.irs.gov/payments



IRS ofrece muchas opciones de pago para quienes adeudan impuestos, pero no pueden pagar en su totalidad

www.irs.gov/pagos



美國國稅局 (IRS) 為欠稅但不能全額付款的納稅人提供各種付款方式

www.irs.gov/payments



English – Taxpayers who owe should pay as much as possible to minimize interest and penalty charges. www.irs.gov/payments #IRS

Spanish – Quienes adeudan impuestos deben pagar lo más posible para minimizar cargos de intereses y multas. www.irs.gov/pagos #IRS

Chinese – 欠稅的納稅人應盡可能多地支付利息和罰款。 <https://go.usa.gov/xsTY9> #IRS

Korean – 세금 보고서 납부해야 할 세금이 있지만 전액을 납부할 수 없는 납세자는 이자 및 체납 과태료를 피하기 위해 가능한 한 많은 금액을 납부해야 합니다. <https://go.usa.gov/xsTYQ> #IRS

Russian – Налогоплательщики с налоговой задолженностью должны уплатить как можно больше, чтобы свести к минимуму взимаемые проценты и штрафы. <https://go.usa.gov/xsTYy> #IRS

Vietnamese – Người đóng thuế nợ còn nợ tiền thuế nên trả càng nhiều càng tốt để giảm thiểu tiền lãi và tiền phạt. <https://go.usa.gov/xsTYG> #IRS

Resource Guide F: Earned Income Tax Credit

IRS.gov resources

- [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) page on IRS.gov, available in eight languages
- Use the [EITC Assistant](#) to check your eligibility, estimate the amount of your credit and learn about which filing status you should use. It's available in English and Spanish.

Ready-to-use articles

- If you lost your job in 2020, a new tax rule could help you get valuable tax credits [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Find out if you're eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- New option for claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit [English](#)



IRS YouTube videos

- IRS EITC in 2021 [English](#)
- Earned Income Tax Credit – Get it Right [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

E-poster – English version shown as a preview. See links for PDF files of other languages you can access at IRS.gov.

- Publication 5399, EITC & Free File

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese \(traditional\)](#) | [Korean](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Haitian Creole](#)



Publication 5489, Taxpayers can use 2019 income for the Earned Income Tax Credit

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese \(simplified\)](#) | [Haitian Creole](#) | [Korean](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Russian](#)

Earned Income Tax Credit – Multilingual images and posts

근로소득 세액 공제는 저소득 및 중소득 근로자들과 그 가족들을 위한 세금 감면 혜택입니다.



The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.

www.irs.gov/eitc IRS

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The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.

www.irs.gov/eitc IRS

Tin thuế Thu nhập từ Việc làm giúp người lao động và gia đình có thu nhập thấp đến trung bình được giảm thuế.



The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.

www.irs.gov/eitc IRS



Налоговый зачет за заработанный доход помогает работникам и семьям с низким и средним уровнем дохода получить налоговые льготы.

The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.



www.irs.gov/eitc #EITC #IRS

低收入家庭福利优惠帮助中低收入劳动者和家庭获得税收减免。

The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.



www.irs.gov/eitc #EITC #IRS

El crédito tributario por ingreso del trabajo ayuda a personas y familias que trabajan y tienen ingresos moderados o bajos.

The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.



www.irs.gov/eitc #EITC #IRS

The Earned Income Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break.

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www.irs.gov/eitc #EITC #IRS

English – Claiming the credit can reduce the tax you owe and may also give you a larger refund. www.irs.gov/eitcassistant #EITC #IRS

Spanish – Reclamar este crédito puede reducir el monto de su obligación tributaria y puede resultar en un reembolso más grande. www.irs.gov/asistenteeitc #EITC #IRS

Chinese – 申请该优惠可以减少你所欠的税款，还可以给你更多的退税。
<https://go.usa.gov/xAwmQ> #EITC #IRS

Korean – 이 공제를 청구하면 납세액을 줄일 수 있을 뿐더러 더 큰 환금액을 받을 수 있습니다.
<https://go.usa.gov/xAwmX> #EITC #IRS

Russian – Указание налогового зачета может уменьшить полагающуюся к уплате сумму налогов и также позволить вам получить больший возврат налогов. <https://go.usa.gov/xAwmk> #EITC #IRS

Vietnamese – Việc yêu cầu tín thuế này có thể làm giảm số thuế quý vị nợ và cũng có thể mang lại cho quý vị một khoản hoàn thuế lớn hơn. <https://go.usa.gov/xAwmZ> #EITC #IRS

Haitian Creole – Lè ou reklame kredi sa a, sa ka redwi kantite lajan taks ou dwe peye epi ranbouse w plis lajan toujou. <https://go.usa.gov/xAwmD> #EITC #IRS

Arabic – استخدم أداة مساعد الائتمان الضريبي على الدخل المكتسب لمعرفة ما إذا كنت مؤهلاً. www.irs.gov/eitc #EITC #IRS

Earned Income Tax Credit – General images and posts

Calculating the Earned Income Tax Credit depends on your earnings, marital status, and the number of children you have, if any. See if you qualify. #EITC #IRS



www.irs.gov/eitc

A worker's eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit may change based on marital, parental and financial status. Do you now qualify? #EITC #IRS



www.irs.gov/eitc

You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit even if you're single and have no children. #EITC #IRS



www.irs.gov/eitcassistant



One third of workers eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit is new to the #EITC each year.

Help #IRS spread the word so no one misses this valuable opportunity: www.irs.gov/eitc

People claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit could have income from services provided, farming, a home-business or other work. See #IRS eligibility rules for #EITC: www.irs.gov/eitc

Made less than \$57K in 2020? Check the Earned Income Tax Credit. If you qualify for the #EITC, you could get a bigger #IRS refund: www.irs.gov/eitc

The Earned Income Tax Credit or #EITC is for workers who don't earn a lot. #IRS can help you check if you qualify www.irs.gov/eitc

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable credit. If you qualify and claim the #EITC, you could pay less in taxes or get a bigger #IRS refund www.irs.gov/eitc

The Earned Income Tax Credit or #EITC can add an average of \$2,460 to an #IRS refund for eligible workers who don't earn big bucks. See: www.irs.gov/eitc

Resource Guide G: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites

IRS.gov resources

- [Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers](#), available in eight languages, shares information about free tax preparation options, including locator tools

IRS YouTube videos

- Free Help Preparing Your Tax Return [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

Social media images and posts

VITA – Social media posts

Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA/TCE volunteers prepare millions of federal and state returns. www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Need help doing your #IRS taxes? Volunteers offer free tax prep to eligible taxpayers. Check if you qualify and what you'll need to bring before you head out: www.irs.gov/vita #VITA



VITA and EITC – Social media images and posts



If you made \$57K or less in 2020, thousands of free tax preparation sites can help you claim all the #IRS tax benefits you may possibly qualify for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit or #EITC. Find a #VITA site near you at: www.irs.gov/vita

The Earned Income Tax Credit can be complex, but #IRS-certified volunteers can take the stress out of filing your taxes. If you think you qualify for the #EITC, check out this FREE tax help: www.irs.gov/vita #VITA

Everyone eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit qualifies for free tax help by #IRS-certified volunteers. Keep more #EITC in your pocket: www.irs.gov/vita #VITA

VITA – Multilingual images and posts



English – Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA/TCE volunteers prepare millions of federal and state returns. www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Spanish – Cada temporada de presentación, decenas de miles de voluntarios dedicados de VITA y TCE preparan millones de declaraciones federales y estatales. www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Chinese – 每到申报季，成千上万敬业的 VITA/TCE 志愿者将会忙于准备数百万份联邦和州税表。 www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Korean – 매년 세금신고 기간에 수천명의 헌신적인 자원자들이 수백만장의 연방 및 주 세금신고서를 작성합니다. www.irs.gov/vita #IRS



Russian – Безвозмездная помощь в заполнении налоговой декларации налогоплательщикам, отвечающим определенным требованиям www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Vietnamese – Mỗi mùa khai thuế, hàng chục nghìn tình nguyện viên VITA/TCE khai và nộp hàng triệu tờ khai thuế liên bang và tiểu bang. www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Haitian Creole – Chak sezon taks, gen plizyè dizèn milye volontè VITA/TCE devwe ki prepare plizyè milyon deklarasyon taks federal ak eta (state). www.irs.gov/vita #IRS

Resource Guide H: Unemployment compensation

IRS.gov resources

- [Tax Topic #418](#): Unemployment Compensation, available in six languages

Ready-to-use article

- Don't forget to report unemployment compensation on your tax return [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

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Publication 5467, Reporting Unemployment Compensation on a Tax Return
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In January, people who received unemployment benefits in the prior year will get a Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments from the agency paying the benefits. The agency will either automatically send a hard copy or, if the agency does not mail the form, recipients will need to visit the agency's website to get an electronic version of Form 1099-G.

More information on unemployment is available in the Unemployment Benefits chapter in Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income on IRS.gov.

The Form 1099-G will show the amount of unemployment compensation received in Box 1 and any federal income tax withheld in Box 4. Taxpayers must report the unemployment compensation income and withholding on the appropriate lines on their federal tax return.

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Unemployment – General image

Report unemployment compensation on your taxes.

Note that some states don't mail you a Form 1099-G, showing the amount paid to you and any tax withheld.

You may need to get an electronic version from your state agency's website.

Unemployment – General – Multilingual images and posts

Konpansasyon chomaj la taksab, kidonk ou dwe rapòte l nan deklarasyon taks ou pou ane 2020 an.



If you received unemployment compensation during the year, you must include it in gross income.

Nếu quý vị nhận tiền bồi thường thất nghiệp trong năm, quý vị phải bao gồm số tiền này trong tổng thu nhập.



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В случае, если в течение года вы получили пособие по безработице, то вы должны включить их в ваш валовой доход.



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如果您在當年內收到失業救濟金，必須包括在您的當年收入內。



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Si recibí compensación por desempleo durante el año, debe incluirla en ingresos brutos.



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English – By law, unemployment compensation is taxable and must be reported on a 2020 federal income tax return. www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Spanish – Por ley, la compensación por desempleo es tributable y debe incluirse en una declaración de impuestos federales de 2020. www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Chinese – 依據法律，失業救濟金是應納稅的，且必須在 2020 年聯邦所得稅的報稅表上申報。
www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Korean – 법에 따라 실업 수당은 과세 대상이며 2020년 연방 소득세 신고서에 신고해야 합니다.
www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Russian – Согласно законодательству пособие по безработице облагается налогом и должно указываться в федеральной подоходной налоговой декларации за 2020 год. www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Vietnamese – Theo luật, trợ cấp thất nghiệp phải chịu thuế và phải được báo cáo trên tờ khai thuế thu nhập liên bang năm 2020. www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Haitian Creole – Daprè lalwa, konpansasyon chomaj la taksab, kidonk ou dwe rapòte l nan deklarasyon taks federal ou pou ane 2020 an. www.irs.gov/uc #IRS

Unemployment compensation identity theft – Social media image and posts



UGLY can be LOVABLE

But **NOT** the ugly scam of unemployment compensation identity theft

www.irs.gov/identitytheft



If you believe someone has used your information to collect unemployment compensation, you may be a victim of identity theft. #IRS guidance may help: <https://go.usa.gov/xAFwr>

Scammers are taking advantage of the pandemic by filing fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation using stolen data. #IRS offers guidance on identity theft involving unemployment benefits <https://go.usa.gov/xAFwr>

Taxpayers who get an incorrect Form 1099-G for unemployment benefits they did not receive should contact the issuing state agency. Check the #IRS guidance on identity theft involving unemployment benefits <https://go.usa.gov/xAFwr>

Resource Guide I: Choosing a tax preparer

IRS.gov resources

- [Need someone to prepare your tax return?](#), available in eight languages
- [Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications](#)

IRS YouTube videos

- Choose a Tax Preparer Wisely [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)
- How to Use the Tax Return Preparer Directory [English](#)

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Tax professional directory – Social media image and posts



An #IRS searchable directory offers a listing of credentialed preparers in your area. Try it at: www.irs.gov/taxprodirectory

#TaxPros have differing levels of skills, education and expertise. The #IRS searchable directory is intended to help you with your choice:

www.irs.gov/taxprodirectory

Use an #IRS tool to research #TaxPros near you or to determine the type of credentials or qualifications held by a specific tax professional. See www.irs.gov/taxprodirectory

#IRS encourages you to choose your tax return preparer carefully and we have a tool to help you make your choice. Watch a short video to learn more https://youtu.be/F11wwZJZ6_I

You can search the #IRS Tax Return Preparer Directory by zip code, last name or by a specific qualification. Watch a short video to learn more about using this online tool: https://youtu.be/F11wwZJZ6_I

Choose a tax preparer wisely

Choosing a #TaxPro? Be wary of anyone who offers to deposit your refund into their bank account. Watch these #IRS tips on choosing a tax preparer wisely: <https://youtu.be/qP5c-ZOMct4>

#IRS Reminder: Do NOT use a tax preparer who doesn't sign their name and enter a preparer tax ID number on your final return. That's a major clue that something isn't right. Watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/qP5c-ZOMct4>

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No matter who you choose to help with your taxes remember: You are responsible for all the information on your tax return. Watch an #IRS video on choosing a #TaxPro wisely: <https://youtu.be/qP5c-ZOMct4>