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Direct Cash Payments FAQ

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On Friday, March 26th, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed into law a \$2 trillion emergency economic package that includes direct cash payments for people across the country.

Who's Eligible for Direct Cash Payment?

- Individuals who made less than \$75,000 in 2019 = eligible for the full payment of \$1,200
- Couples who filed jointly and made less than \$150,000 = \$2,400
- An individual who filed as "head of household" and earned \$112,500 or less = \$1,200
- \$500 (additional) for every child in the household

Individuals who made more than \$75,000, the payment will be reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income that exceeds the limits. So, if you made \$80,000 in 2019, you will receive \$950. The payment decreases to zero for an individual making \$99,000 or more or a couple making \$198,000 or more.

The IRS will use a person's 2019 return to calculate eligibility and automatically send the money to those who qualify. If they haven't filed a 2019 return, it'll be based on the 2018 return.

How Will I Receive My Direct Cash Payment?

- If you've filed a tax return for 2019 or 2018 with bank information, the government will directly deposit the money.
- If you've received physical checks in the mail, the check will be mailed to the address you filed your last tax return (2018 or 2019).
- The IRS has 15 days to notify you of the method and amount of the payment. They'll send a phone number and appropriate point of contact so you can tell them if you didn't receive it.
- If you've moved recently or are no longer at the address you filed your last tax return, notify the IRS as soon as possible.
- The IRS also suggests that if you haven't yet filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019, do it as soon as you can, so that the government has your up-to-date information on file.



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- Not having a bank account on file with the IRS and a change in address will slow the process, but as long as you have a Social Security number, you should be eligible to apply for the relief payments under the new system created by the IRS.
- The IRS said Americans who weren't required to file taxes in the last two years will have to file a "simple tax return" with basic information like filing status, number of dependents and bank information so the government can send the money. File a simple tax return [here](#).

When Will I Receive My Payment?

- IRS says within three weeks for people who have their direct deposit information on file with the IRS.
- IRS will create a [web-based system](#) for people who don't have their direct deposit on file with the IRS. Individuals can upload the information for a direct deposit as opposed to checks in the mail. Deposits should arrive within three weeks of completing this.
- Checks in the mail may take longer than three weeks.

What Don't We Know Yet?

- We don't know what happens someone has relocated for safety reasons and their 2018 tax return address is no longer valid and there is not a forwarding address.
- We don't know how about people who filed jointly with abuser and have now separated will receive their payment.
- We will update this resource as we gain more information.

Additional Information

For those who qualify for the payment and did not list direct deposit information on their 2018 or 2019 tax returns, you can inform the IRS of your current account and routing number through their online portal "[Filers: Get Your Payment](#)" so that your payment may be directly deposited into your account.