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## Didn't Get your Stimulus Check Yet? Claim it by Nov. 21! Here's how...



Will my check arrive automatically?

As of March 2020, many Mainers are eligible for a one-time payment from the IRS of up to \$1,200 plus an additional \$500 for each qualifying child (16 years old or younger). Some people will receive their stimulus payments from the IRS automatically. This includes people who:



Filed taxes in 2018 or 2019; or



Receive Veterans Benefits; or



Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or



Receive Railroad Retirement Benefits.



Receive Social Security Retirement, Disability, or Survivors Benefits;

## What if I didn't have to file taxes in 2018 or 2019, and don't receive any of these benefits? There are two ways to claim your stimulus check.

## Option 1. Use the <u>Non-Filers: Enter</u> Payment Info Here tool to provide basic

information to the IRS to get your payment. This option is the quickest way to get your payment.

You can only use this tool if you are not required to file a federal tax return. Not sure if you need to file? You can check the IRS.gov tool - <u>Do I</u> <u>Need to File a Tax Return?</u> - to see if you have a filing requirement.

After you submit your information to the IRS, you should receive an e-mail from Customer Service at Free File Fillable Forms. **The deadline to submit the non-filer form** *online* **is Nov. 21.** Alternatively, you can *print* **and** *mail in* a completed non-filer form to the IRS **by Oct. 15.**  **Option 2. File a federal income tax return for 2019** with the IRS even if you don't normally have to file a tax return. You can file a return **online by Oct. 15**, or file using a printed simplified paper tax return <u>here</u>, which you can **mail in by Oct. 15**.

If you choose to file a tax return, be sure to file for other low income tax credits you may be eligible for, like the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), as well as the state EITC, and the state Property Tax and Sales Tax Fairness Credits.

We encourage you to act as soon as possible to get your payment!

## Questions? You're not alone!



The IRS "Get My Payment" <u>tool</u> allows anyone to check when and how their payment will arrive.

For questions about the status of a payment, you can call the IRS hotline at 800-919-9835. Online or phone support is also available for anyone who has more questions. United Way's 211 EIP Helpline (1-844-322-3639) provides live assistance to help people complete the form and answer questions about eligibility.