

Steps to Receive CARES Act Stimulus Check

Financial help in the form of Economic Impact Payments, also known as “stimulus checks,” is now available to most Kentuckians, [including those who are incarcerated](#) – up to:

- \$1,200 for individuals
- \$2,400 for married couples
- \$500 per child for up to two children

If you filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return, or if you receive Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, you do not need to take any action – you should receive an automatic payment by mail.

If you are an incarcerated person and didn't file federal taxes in 2018 or 2019, or don't receive Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, you can receive a stimulus check by [mailing a completed printed copy of the \[simplified tax return\]\(#\) by **October 30 \(postmark\)**](#), or if you have access to the internet, you can file using the [online tool](#) until **November 21**. [Instructions for filing by mail and online are below.](#)

It costs nothing to file a claim and you don't need income, a bank account, or to be out of jail or prison when the check comes.

You need just 5 pieces of information to apply, whether you do so online or by mail:

1. Your full name
2. Mailing address
3. Email address
4. Date of birth
5. Social Security number

File by mail to get your payment:

If you don't have internet access, you can print and fill out the attached form and mail it to the address below. It must be postmarked by Oct. 30:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Kansas City, MO 64999-0002

To fill out the form, follow these steps:

1. Write "EIP2020" on the top of your form.

Filing Status Section:

2. Check the filing status that applies to you.
3. Enter your name, mailing address, and Social Security number.
 - If you are married and you're filing a joint return for you and your spouse, you have to enter your Social Security number and your spouse's.
 - If you or your spouse was an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces any time in 2019, you need to enter one spouse's Social Security number. For the other spouse, you can enter either their Social Security number or their individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).

Standard Deduction Section:

4. Check any of the boxes that apply to you (and your spouse, if you're filing jointly).

Dependents Section:

5. Enter the information for your children who qualify for the Economic Impact Payment. Your children only qualify for a payment if they were age 16 or younger on December 31, 2019, and if they lived with you or your spouse for more than half of 2019.

Income and Tax Sections (Lines 1-11):

6. Enter \$1 on lines 2b, 7b, and 8b.
7. Enter \$0.00 on line 11b.
8. Leave every other line in this section blank.

Refund Section:

9. If you want your payment deposited directly into your bank, put your bank account information in lines 21b through 21d. The account must be in the name of the filer who is receiving the Payment. *Add your Department of Corrections number to your address line if you are incarcerated to ensure the check gets applied to the right person.*
10. Leave the rest of this section blank.

Sign Here Section:

11. Sign your name. If you are married and filing jointly, your spouse needs to sign, too. By signing, you are saying that everything on the form is true, and you will face a penalty if you have lied.
12. If you have an identity protection personal identification number (also called an IP PIN), enter it. If you don't have an IP PIN, you can leave that space blank.

13. In addition, a simplified return filer may enter the identifying information of any third-party designee, if applicable, at the bottom of page 2 of the form.

File online to get your payment:

- Go to www.irs.gov/EIP by November 21.
- Scroll down and select the blue “Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here” button.
- On that page, scroll down again and select the blue “Enter Your Information” button.
- Follow the instructions to complete the form.