

Income Support During COVID-19: Filing requirement for over 460,000 North Carolina Residents to Receive Economic Impact Payments—

Federal Economic Impact Payments--amounting to \$1200 per adult and \$500 per child--are automatic for those who filed tax returns in 2018 and 2019 and most seniors and retirees.

Not every North Carolinian, however, will receive the automatic Economic Impact Payment and must take this step to receive it.

Online registration is required for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who:

- Had gross income that did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples) for 2019 and
- Are not otherwise required to file a federal income tax return for 2019 and did not intend to file.

Don't have a bank account? Here are some ways to deposit or cash your "stimulus check" safely:

- The FDIC has a new tool (<https://www.fdic.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments/index.html>) where you can search online to find a bank that can open a new account for you virtually—allowing those who are unbanked or underbanked to have a place to deposit their EIP safely.
- A bank or credit union account can be opened online through BankOn (<https://covidbanking.joinbankon.org/>).
- PayPal customers can cash their government-issued paper stimulus check remotely or receive their stimulus payment into a PayPal Cash Plus account using Direct Deposit. Go here for more information: <https://newsroom.paypal-corp.com/2020-04-11-Receive-your-Government-Stimulus-Payment-Directly-into-your-PayPal-Account>.

Four steps to avoid scams:

1. Only use irs.gov/coronavirus to submit information to the IRS – and never in response to a call, text, or email.
 2. The IRS won't contact you by phone, email, text message, or social media with information about your stimulus payment, or to ask you for your Social Security number, bank account, or government benefits debit card account number. Anyone who does is a scammer phishing for your information.
 3. You don't have to pay to get your stimulus money.
 4. The IRS won't tell you to deposit your stimulus check then send them money back because they paid you more than they owed you.
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