

COVID-19 Second Round of Direct Payments 101

In December 2020, Congress passed a bill to provide a second round of COVID-19 relief checks. These payments are not taxable.

How much will I get?

- Generally, eligible individuals will get \$600 + \$600 per qualifying child, and eligible married joint-filers will get \$1,200 + \$600/child. Amounts begin to phase down at \$75,000 for single filers, \$112,500 for heads of household, and \$150,000 for married joint-filers.

Who is eligible?

- Generally, any individual except “[nonresident aliens](#)” and those who can be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer, *e.g.*, college students still being claimed as dependents by their parents. You must provide a Social Security Number for each claimed child.

Will this money “count against” me for my eligibility with other programs?

- As with any tax refunds, this will not count as income for determining eligibility for (or assistance provided by) any federally funded public benefit program.

How do I apply for this?

- The IRS will deliver this money automatically to most Americans who file individual tax returns. If you are entitled to this payment but do not receive it (electronically or by mail) you can claim a credit on your 2020 tax return for the amount to which you were entitled.

What if I’m legally not required to file taxes, e.g., I rely only on Social Security or my gross income is less than minimum required to file?

- If you receive Social Security, Railroad Retirement benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) you should receive this payment the same way you receive those benefits. Other non-filers who didn’t sign up with the IRS’s non-filer portal for the first round of payments can still receive this payment when they file a 2020 tax return.

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