



# Claiming Federal Economic Impact Payments

In March 2020, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the release of Economic Impact Payments (EIP) as part of the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are eligible to receive an EIP and have not yet received those funds, here are steps you can take:

- Check on your payment status using the IRS “Get My Payment” online tool at:  
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>.
- If you are not required to file tax returns (are a non-filer), you can enter your information on the IRS non-filer portal by October 15, 2020, to claim your EIP this year. Go to:  
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>.

After October 15, 2020, non-filers must file a return in 2021. According to the IRS, non-filers alternately may file a paper return before October 15th, to claim their EIP. See Question 10, via this link, for more information:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payment-information-center-non-filers-tool>.

Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites may be able to help people who have not filed their taxes or used the non-filer portal. Please check with your local VITA program coordinators to determine if they are available to assist you.

## If you need assistance, call:

- IRS EIP Assistance Line: 1-800-919-9835
- IRS main number: 1-800-829-1040, as the IRS EIP Assistance Line might not cover all of the tax issues that might impact your EIP payments
- 211 (<https://www.211.org>, administered by United Way Worldwide)

## Here is additional information about the EIP:

1. Internal Revenue Service (IRS):  
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments>
2. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB):  
<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/guide-covid-19-economic-stimulus-checks/>
3. Recording of CFPB webinar on claiming EIP:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/39id0iivl2r6e35/EIP%20Recorded%20Webinar%20qlr.mp4?dl=0>.
4. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC):  
<https://www.fdic.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments/index.html>
5. Federal Trade Commission (FTC):  
<https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>



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### **Open a bank account to help claim your EIP and safely hold your payment**

In some situations, you may still be able to receive your EIP by direct deposit into your bank account. If you do not already have a bank account, you could choose to open a Bank On approved account that has low and transparent fees. To learn more about the financial institutions offering Bank On approved accounts, per state, go to <https://joinbankon.org/coalitionmap/>. For those residing in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC), through their Native Bank On ONAC initiative, has included information about financial institutions in Oklahoma that offer a Bank On certified account. Several of these banks provide options for opening accounts online and two offer options for opening new accounts through the bank drive-through, for those concerned about going into a bank branch during the pandemic. To learn more, go to [http://www.oknativeassets.org/our\\_work/Native-Bank-On-ONAC](http://www.oknativeassets.org/our_work/Native-Bank-On-ONAC).

*ONAC appreciates the efforts of all the entities listed  
in making this EIP information available to the public.*