

L.A. CONNECTED



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CONNECTING ANGELENOS TO THEIR
COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY INITIATIVE

L.A. Connected is a citywide effort to help more than 100,000 hard-hit Angelenos access their Economic Impact Payments, vital assistance approved as part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Equitable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis begins with ensuring a fair process for all L.A. residents who qualify for an Economic Impact Payment. With the twin blows of unprecedented health risks and unmatched economic insecurity striking working families, the City's infrastructure of social service systems will play a vital role in addressing the emerging needs of Angelenos. WorkSource, YouthSource, and FamilySource Centers, along with libraries and recreation centers located in neighborhoods with residents most at risk of not receiving a check, will be utilized to increase access to payments. If you're one of the 100,000+ Angelenos with incomes less than \$12,200, L.A. Connected is here to support you!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CARES ACT?

The CARES Act is a federal COVID-19 response bill intended to provide economic relief to businesses and individuals. The CARES Act includes five provisions: a direct payment in the form of a tax rebate, paid sick leave, temporary suspension of some student loan payments, limited mortgage foreclosure, and enhanced unemployment benefits.

WHAT AM I PERSONALLY ENTITLED TO UNDER THE CARES ACT?

Individuals who have a Social Security Number (SSN) and who are not dependents may receive \$1,200 (single filers and heads of household) or \$2,400 (joint filers), with an additional rebate of \$500 per qualifying child, if they have an adjusted gross income (AGI) under \$75,000 (single), \$150,000 (joint), or \$112,500 (heads of households). The IRS utilizes 2018 and/or 2019 tax return information to determine entitlements.

HOW DO I GET MY PAYMENT?

For most individuals, no action is required. The IRS will utilize data from the most recent tax returns or Social Security data to provide rebates either via direct deposit or through a paper check to the last address on file.

ELIGIBILITY

? WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PAYMENT?

You may be eligible to receive a payment if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or qualifying resident alien;
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return;
- Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Have adjusted gross income (AGI) below an amount based on your filing status and number of qualifying dependents.

? I HAVE NOT FILED A TAX RETURN FOR 2018 OR 2019 AND I DO NOT RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL BENEFITS. HOW DO I RECEIVE MY PAYMENT?

You must provide basic information to the IRS to receive your payment. If you were not required to file a federal income tax return for 2018 and 2019 and do not plan to OR you had adjusted gross income that did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 for joint filers), the IRS has created an online form you must complete to receive your payment.

? WILL I RECEIVE A PAYMENT IF I DO NOT MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN?

Yes. Eligible retirees and recipients of Social Security retirement disability (SSDI), survivors benefits, Railroad Retirement, or veterans benefits are eligible to receive a payment. This includes individuals who have no income, as well as those whose income comes entirely from federal benefit programs, such as supplemental security income (SSI). No minimum income is required for payment.

? HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN?

Use the IRS Interactive Tax Assistant (ITA) to help you determine if you are required to file a 2019 federal income tax return.

? I AM CURRENTLY OR WAS RECENTLY INCARCERATED, WILL I RECEIVE A PAYMENT?

Incarceration does not disqualify you from receiving a payment. If you meet the eligibility requirements, you should receive a payment regardless of incarceration history.

DEPENDENTS

? WHICH DEPENDENTS QUALIFY FOR A REBATE?

The CARES Act uses the Child Tax Credit (CTC) eligibility standards. All qualifying children under the age of 17 who have not provided for more than half of their own expenses and who have lived with the taxpayer for more than six months are eligible. This means that adult dependents, such as college students over 17 years of age and elderly dependents, do not qualify for the \$500 rebate.

? HOW MANY DEPENDENTS CAN I CLAIM?

The CARES Act does not provide a maximum number of children that can be claimed.

? IF MY SPOUSE AND I ARE DIVORCED, DOES EACH PARENT RECEIVE A \$500 PAYMENT FOR DEPENDENTS?

Only the parental taxpayer claiming the child as a dependent will receive a \$500 payment.

SOCIAL SECURITY

? WILL THOSE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS RECEIVE A REBATE CHECK?

Yes. All taxpayers are eligible for the rebate, including those receiving Social Security benefits. Individuals who receive Social Security benefits will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as other taxpayers.

? WILL THOSE RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) RECEIVE A REBATE CHECK?

Yes. All taxpayers are eligible for the rebate, including those receiving SSI. Individuals who receive SSI will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as other taxpayers.

? WILL THOSE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI) RECEIVE A REBATE CHECK?

Yes. All taxpayers are eligible for the rebate, including those receiving SSDI. Individuals who receive SSDI will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as other taxpayers.

UNBANKED ANGELENOS

? I AM ELIGIBLE AND FILED MY TAXES, WHERE IS MY CHECK?

If you already filed your taxes and did not give your bank account information, the IRS will mail a paper check to your last known address.

OPEN A SAFE BANK ACCOUNT TODAY!

If you would like to open a bank account, there are safe and affordable checking accounts that can be opened online. We encourage you to visit Coronavirus.LACity.org/Banking or visit the L.A. County BankOn initiative at doba.lacounty.gov/bankon.

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