

IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THE \$1,200 STIMULUS CHECK LAST YEAR, BECAUSE ONE SPOUSE HAS AN ITIN, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THAT PAYMENT AND FOR A SECOND \$600 STIMULUS CHECK



At the end of December, Congress passed a law providing a second round of Economic Impact Payments (EIP) (also called “the stimulus payment”) for people with income within the limits.¹ The payment does not affect SNAP, RI Works, Child Care Assistance, or Medicaid.

The law also fixed the rule that stopped mixed status households from receiving the payment.

- Under the new rule if you are a taxpayer who has a work-authorized SSN and your spouse has an ITIN, you can receive the EIP, even if you file taxes jointly. (The ITIN taxpayer is not eligible for the payment.)
- Dependent children (under age 17) who have an SSN or ATIN (Adoption Tax identification number) are also eligible for the payment.
- An adult or child who is eligible for the new payment is also eligible for the first payment.

File a tax return to claim both the first and second stimulus payments.

How much is the EIP payment?

	Second Round	First Round
Individual	\$600	\$1,200
Couple filing jointly	\$1,200	\$2,400
Child under 17	\$600	\$500

How do I get the EIP?

File a tax return for 2020 and fill out the form for the Recovery Rebate Tax Credit for both payments. Free tax filing help is available through VITA sites.

You should file a tax return even if you usually do not file one. This is the only way to claim the two EIP payments. You may also be eligible for other tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Will the EIP have Public Charge Implications?

No. The EIP is a tax credit (based on 2020 tax return) and the rules are clear that tax credits are not considered in a public charge determination.



If you need help filing your taxes for 2020, call 2-1-1 to find a VITA site near you or visit: www.economicprogressri.org/VITA

¹ \$75,000 for single filers; \$112,500 for head of household filers, \$150,000 for joint filers. The payment is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income above these thresholds.