

2007

Information About Economic Stimulus Payments for Social Security, Veterans, and Other Beneficiaries



WHAT?

We are pleased to inform you that the United States Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, which provides for economic stimulus payments to be made to over 130 million American households. The payments will be made starting in May, 2008. **But to receive a payment in 2008 you have to file a 2007 tax return.**

WHO?

If you do not have to file a 2007 tax return for tax purposes, you still need to file a return in order to receive an economic stimulus payment. You are eligible for a payment if you have a total of \$3,000 or more in qualifying income. Qualifying income is—

- Earned income;
- Social security benefits (including social security disability payments);
- Certain railroad retirement benefits;
- Certain veterans' benefits; and
- Nontaxable combat pay.

If you qualify under this income test, you will receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 if married filing jointly). In addition, you will also receive an additional payment of \$300 for each qualifying child.

Once you have filed a 2007 tax return, you do not have to do anything more to receive your economic stimulus payment. The IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount, and send you the payment.

HOW?

File a Form 1040A with only a few lines filled in to receive your economic stimulus payment. You may use the enclosed Form 1040A. You may also file electronically for free. Visit www.irs.gov and click on the free file icon.

WHEN?

You should file as soon as possible, but to be sure that you receive your stimulus payment in 2008, you must file Form 1040A with the IRS by October 15, 2008.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you need help filling out this form, you can receive assistance by:

- Going to www.irs.gov;
- Calling the IRS hotline at 1-866-234-2942; or
- Visiting one of the following organizations in your area—IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites, Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITC), or local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.



Tips for Completing Your Stimulus Return

If you are not required to file a 2007 tax return but want to receive an economic stimulus payment, you should fill out and file the enclosed Form 1040A, or if you have access to the internet, file on-line for free by going to www.irs.gov. You only have to fill in a few lines of information. Take a look at the sample Form 1040A (also enclosed) to see which lines need to be filled in.

Specific instructions for filling out your Form 1040A are as follows.

Top of the Form

Across the top of the form, write the words “**Stimulus Payment.**”

Label

Fill in your name, address, and social security number in the spaces provided. Also, fill in your spouse’s name and social security number if you are married.



You are not eligible for an economic stimulus payment if you do not have a valid social security number (SSN). Individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) are not acceptable. To file as “married filing jointly,” both spouses must have a valid SSN. If only one spouse has a valid SSN, that spouse should file as “single.”

Filing Status

Check only the filing status that applies to you.

Married filing jointly. Check the box on line 2 if any of the following apply.

- You were married at the end of 2007, your spouse cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return, and you and your spouse want to file this return jointly.
- Your spouse died in 2007 and you did not remarry in 2007.
- You were married at the end of 2007, but your spouse died before today.

Single. Check the box on line 1 if you are not filing as “married filing jointly.”



You are not eligible for an economic stimulus payment if you can be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return.

Exemptions

Lines 6a and 6b. Check the box on line 6a, “Yourself,” unless you can be claimed as a dependent on another person’s return. Check the box on line 6b, “Spouse,” if you checked the box on line 2 above and your spouse cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person’s return. In the box to the right, enter the number of boxes you checked on lines 6a and 6b.

Line 6c. If a child under the age of 17 lived with you for more than half of 2007, you may have a “qualifying child.” For more information and assistance in determining whether your child is a qualifying child, call 1-866-234-2942. If you have a qualifying child or children, fill in the child(ren)’s name, social security number, and relationship to you (or your spouse, if applicable) in the spaces provided. Also, remember to check the box in column (4). You should only list qualifying children on line 6c.



A child must have a valid social security number to be a qualifying child. Individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) and adoption taxpayer identification numbers (ATINs) are not acceptable.

Income

Line 7. Enter the total of your wages, salaries, tips, etc. that you received in 2007. For most people, the amount to enter on this line (if any) should be shown in box 1 of their Form(s) W-2.

If you were self-employed or a partner, include the amount you would enter on Schedule SE, line 4, only if it is less than \$400.

We have created an envelope for you to use with the correct IRS mailing address. To ensure proper processing of your stimulus return, we ask that you please use this envelope to mail your completed Form 1040A to the IRS. If you have misplaced your envelope, you can mail your Form 1040A to the address shown below that applies to you.

IF you live in...	THEN use this address:
Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Atlanta, GA 39901-0099
District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Andover, MA 05501-0099
Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Kansas City, MO 64999-0099
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Fresno, CA 93888-0099
Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, APO, FPO, a foreign country, or any other location not previously listed	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Austin, TX 73301-0099

Write the words "Stimulus Payment" across the top of the form you file.

Label
(See page 15.)

Use the IRS label.

Otherwise, please print or type.

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L A B E L H E R E	Your first name and initial <i>Rufus</i>	Last name <i>Maple</i>
	If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial <i>Mary</i>	Last name <i>Maple</i>
	Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 15. <i>1234 Main Street</i>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see page 15. <i>Anytown, LA 70000</i>	

OMB No. 1545-0074

Your social security number
011 : 00 : 2222

Spouse's social security number
011 : 00 : 1111

▲ You must enter your SSN(s) above. ▲

Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 15) **You** **Spouse**

Filing status
Check only one box.

- 1** Single
- 2** Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)
- 3** Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶
- 4** Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 16.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶
- 5** Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 17)

Exemptions

6a **Yourself.** If someone can claim you as a dependent, **do not check** box 6a.

b **Spouse**

c Dependents:

If more than six dependents, see page 18.

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Dependent's social security number	(3) Dependent's relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if qualifying child for child tax credit (see page 18)
				<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

Boxes checked on 6a and 6b

No. of children on 6c who:

- lived with you**
- did not live with you due to divorce or separation (see page 19)**

Dependents on 6c not entered above

If you were self-employed or a partner, include the amount you would enter on Schedule SE, line 4 only if it is less than \$400.

d Total number of exemptions claimed.

Add numbers on lines above ▶

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Form(s) 1099-R if tax was withheld.

If you did not get a W-2, see page 21.

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment.

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2.		7
8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule 1 if required.		8a
b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a.	8b	
9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule 1 if required.		9a
b Qualified dividends (see page 22).	9b	
10 Capital gain distributions (see page 22).		10
11a IRA distributions.	11a	11b Taxable amount (see page 22).
		11b
12a Pensions and annuities.	12a	12b Taxable amount (see page 23).
		12b
13 Unemployment compensation and Alaska Permanent Fund dividends.		13
14a Social security benefits.	14a	14b Taxable amount (see page 25).
		14b
15 Add lines 7 through 14b (far right column). This is your total income .		15
16 Educator expenses (see page 25).	16	
17 IRA deduction (see page 27).	17	
18 Student loan interest deduction (see page 29).	18	
19 Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8917.	19	
20 Add lines 16 through 19. These are your total adjustments .		20
21 Subtract line 20 from line 15. This is your adjusted gross income .		21

Social security, tier 1 railroad retirement, and veterans compensation, disability and death benefits

Adjusted gross income

Tax, credits, and payments

22 Enter the amount from line 21 (adjusted gross income). 22

23a Check **You** were born before January 2, 1943, **Blind** if: **Spouse** was born before January 2, 1943, **Blind** } **Total boxes checked** ▶ **23a**

b If you are married filing separately and your spouse itemizes deductions, see page 30 and check here ▶ **23b**

Standard Deduction for—

- People who checked any box on line 23a or 23b or who can be claimed as a dependent, see page 30.
- All others:
 - Single or Married filing separately, \$5,350
 - Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$10,700
 - Head of household, \$7,850

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

24 Enter your **standard deduction** (see left margin). 24

25 Subtract line 24 from line 22. If line 24 is more than line 22, enter -0-. 25

26 If line 22 is \$117,300 or less, multiply \$3,400 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6d. If line 22 is over \$117,300, see the worksheet on page 32. 26

27 Subtract line 26 from line 25. If line 26 is more than line 25, enter -0-. This is your **taxable income**. ▶ **27**

28 Tax, including any alternative minimum tax (see page 30). 28

29 Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Schedule 2. 29

30 Credit for the elderly or the disabled. Attach Schedule 3. 30

31 Education credits. Attach Form 8863. 31

32 Child tax credit (see page 35). Attach Form 8901 if required. 32

33 Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880. 33

34 Add lines 29 through 33. These are your **total credits**. 34

35 Subtract line 34 from line 28. If line 34 is more than line 28, enter -0-. 35

36 Advance earned income credit payments from Form(s) W-2, box 9. 36

37 Add lines 35 and 36. This is your **total tax**. ▶ **37**

38 Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099. 38

39 2007 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2006 return. 39

40a Earned income credit (EIC). 40a

b Nontaxable combat pay election. **40b**

41 Additional child tax credit. Attach Form 8812. 41

42 Add lines 38, 39, 40a, and 41. These are your **total payments**. ▶ **42**

Refund

43 If line 42 is more than line 37, subtract line 37 from line 42. This is the amount you **overpaid**. 43

44a Amount of line 43 you want **refunded to you**. If Form 8888 is attached, check here ▶ **44a**

▶ **b** Routing number ▶ **c** Type: Checking Savings

▶ **d** Account number

45 Amount of line 43 you want **applied to your 2008 estimated tax**. 45

Amount you owe

46 **Amount you owe**. Subtract line 42 from line 37. For details on how to pay, see page 53. ▶ **46**

47 Estimated tax penalty (see page 53). 47

Third party designee

Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS (see page 54)? **Yes**. Complete the following. **No**

Designee's name ▶ Phone no. ▶ () Personal identification number (PIN) ▶

Sign here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and accurately list all amounts and sources of income I received during the tax year. Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Your signature	Date	Your occupation	Daytime phone number ()
Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign.	Date	Spouse's occupation	

Paid preparer's use only

Preparer's signature ▶ Date ▶ Check if self-employed Preparer's SSN or PTIN

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code ▶ EIN ▶ Phone no. ()

Label (See page 15.)

Use the IRS label.

Otherwise, please print or type.

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Form fields for name, address, and social security numbers.

Form fields for OMB No., social security numbers, and checkboxes.

Filing status

Check only one box.

- 1 Single, 2 Married filing jointly, 3 Married filing separately, 4 Head of household, 5 Qualifying widow(er)

Exemptions

6a Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6a.

b Spouse

c Dependents:

If more than six dependents, see page 18.

Table with columns for dependent name, social security number, relationship, and child tax credit eligibility.

Boxes checked on 6a and 6b, No. of children on 6c who: lived with you, did not live with you due to divorce or separation, Dependents on 6c not entered above.

d Total number of exemptions claimed.

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Form(s) 1099-R if tax was withheld.

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Table for income reporting with lines 7 through 15, including wages, interest, dividends, and total income.

Adjusted gross income

Table for adjusted gross income with lines 16 through 21, including educator expenses, IRA deduction, and total adjusted gross income.

