

Returning Economic Impact Payments

If you received an Economic Impact Payment for a deceased person, including a payment made to both a living spouse and a deceased spouse, you are responsible for returning the payment for the deceased person to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Paper Check Payments:

If the payment was made out to the deceased person only:

- Write “Void” in the endorsement section on the back of the check.
- Mail the voided Treasury check immediately to the appropriate IRS location listed on reverse*.
- Don’t staple, bend, or paper clip the check.
- Include a note stating the reason for returning the check.

If the payment was made out to both a living spouse and a deceased spouse:

- Deposit the check into the estate account, if available, otherwise into the living spouse’s account.
- Submit a personal check or money order for the deceased person’s portion immediately to the appropriate IRS location. See reverse for check instructions and mailing address*.

Direct Deposit Payments:

- Direct deposits will be posted to the account number provided by the IRS (account the customer provided to the IRS on the 2018/2019 tax return).
- If the account is closed, the direct deposit will be returned to the IRS. The IRS will issue a paper check and mail it to the address on the 2018/2019 tax return.
- If the funds are for both a living spouse and a deceased spouse, and the account is still open, submit a personal check or money order for the deceased person’s portion immediately to the appropriate IRS location. See reverse for check instructions and mailing address*.

Personal check or money order instructions*:

- Make the check/money order payable to “U.S. Treasury.”
- Include in the memo line: 2020EIP and either the Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number of the recipient for whom you are returning the payment.
- Include a note stating the reason for returning the Economic Impact Payment.

IRS Locations:

Kansas:

Atlanta Refund Inquiry Unit
4800 Buford Hwy
Mail Stop 112
Chamblee, GA 30341

Oklahoma:

Austin Refund Inquiry Unit
3651 S Interregional Hwy 35
Mail Stop 6542
Austin, TX 78741

Arkansas and Missouri:

Kansas City Refund Inquiry Unit
333 W Pershing Rd
Mail Stop 6800, N-2
Kansas City, MO 64108

Find additional state addresses at:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center#more> (see question 41).

Questions?

Call Customer Service at 800-895-2265.

*Before returning a payment, make copies of the check(s) and note for your personal records.

