

Don't have to file taxes? File anyway for 2007 and get \$300 or more!



Who can get the refund?

Anyone with \$3,000 or more from certain kinds of income in 2007. The income can be from:

- Social Security **or**
- Disability payments **or**
- Certain railroad retirement **or**
- Certain veterans' payments **or**
- Work income.

Is SSI your only income? Then you **can't** get the refund.

Only people with a valid Social Security Number can get the refund. You **can't** get the refund with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

How do I get the refund?

File a 1040A or 1040 form as soon as you can. Put how much Social Security or disability you got in 2007. Put it on Line 20a of Form 1040 or line 14a of Form 1040A. If you have income from work, it will go on a different line. Are you only filing a return to get the refund? Write "Stimulus Payment" on the top of your tax return.

When is the best time to file? Between now and April 15 when you can get free help. See Free help on the right. Can't file by April 15th? For this refund, you can file later but you must file in 2008. And you may not be able to get free help later in the year.

Already filed taxes?

If you had income of **\$3,000 or more**, you will get the refund. You don't need to do anything else.

Had income of **less than \$3,000**? AND didn't report your Social Security, disability or other income? Then file a 1040X. This changes your tax return, but won't make you owe more taxes. It will let you get the refund money.

When will I get the money?

The IRS will start mailing the checks in May 2008. You will get it faster if you ask for direct deposit.

How much will I get?

- Income more than \$3,000 but you paid no taxes? You will get \$300 (up to \$600 for married couples).
- Income more than \$3,000 and you paid taxes? You will get up to \$600 (up to \$1,200 for married couples).
- Have children under 17? Add \$300 per child **IF** you can claim them as a dependent.

I get Social Security. Can I get the refund if one of my children **claims me as a dependent**? No.

Will the refund count as income?

No, so you won't have to pay taxes on it. It also **won't** change your:

- Social Security **or**
- Food Stamps **or**
- Section 8 housing **or**
- Other government programs.

Get FREE help to file. These are all FREE calls.

- Free tax help for people with low and moderate income - Call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for free at **1-800-906-9887**. They will tell you the VITA program close to you.
- Free tax help for people age 60 and older - Call Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) for free at **1-800-829-1040**.
- Free tax help for taxpayers - Call AARP Tax Aide for free at **1-888-227-7669**.

Tennessee Taxpayer Project

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Legal Aid Society

On the internet at www.las.org

We represent low-income people with tax problems for **free**.

In Middle Tennessee, call **244-6610** or **1-800-238-1443**.

Outside Middle Tennessee, call **1-866-481-3669**. It's a free call.

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