ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT – AKA STIMULUS PAYMENT

If you owe past-due child support your Economic Impact Payment (EIP) will be offset by Child Support. If you filed taxes jointly, your spouse will receive their portion of the EIP from the IRS.
- If an Injured Spouse Form 8379 **was filed** along with your taxes in 2018 or 2019, the IRS issued the non-liable spouse their portion of the EIP in early to mid-September.
- If an Injured Spouse Form 8379 **was NOT filed**, there is no need to file it now. The IRS will automatically issue the non-liable spouse their portion of the EIP.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Does the non-liable spouse need to file the Injured Spouse Form 8379 with the IRS to receive a portion of the EIP?
A. No. The IRS will automatically issue a portion of the payment to the non-liable spouse. In some cases, the non-liable spouse's portion of the EIP was already offset for past-due child support. The offset funds will be returned to the IRS. The IRS is sending the non-liable spouse their portion of the EIP.

Q. Child Support is currently holding my joint tax refund/EIP. Why is it being held?
A. Law allows Child Support to hold these payments up to 6 months. Due to the pandemic, and the IRS issuing joint EIP payments to Child Support and now recovering that amount from Child Support, the hold time has been extended to December 31, 2020.

Q. How do I know if the offset payment will be held for more than 6 months?
A. Joint offsets received between May 6, 2020 and July 4, 2020 are subject to a longer hold period.

Q. What if my spouse and I want the entire EIP to go to past-due support?
A. Once you receive the payment from the IRS, make a payment to Child Support. See payment options for a list of easy ways to pay.

Q. Does the non-liable spouse need to file the Injured Spouse Form 8379 with the IRS to receive a portion of the <u>tax</u> refund?
A. Yes. Injured Spouse Form 8379 must be filed to receive a portion of the <u>tax</u> refund.

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