

Don't let scammers stop you from getting your rebate.

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It is now official that millions of taxpayers will be getting a stimulus payment, or rebate, in 2008. However, many still have questions regarding how to ensure they will receive a payment. The good news is most individuals will only need to file their 2007 tax returns to receive a payment in the mail. For those that have a valid Social Security number, \$3,000 of income and have filed a 2007 tax return, individuals will receive up to \$600, \$1,200 for married couples and for households with children can expect an additional \$300 for every eligible child under 17. Normally, certain Social Security payments are not subject to income tax. However, the economic stimulus law passed in February contains a special provision allowing Social Security recipients to count those benefits toward the qualifying income requirement of \$3,000 and thereby qualify for the stimulus payment.

Those who usually do not file a tax return, such as disabled veterans, some Social Security recipients and low-wage workers, will need to file this year in order to receive a payment. Read "[About Economic Stimulus Payments](#)" to find out how to apply for the rebate. By visiting www.irs.gov you can also receive more information about the stimulus payment, as well as information regarding filing a tax return.

As exciting as the stimulus payment may be, there are groups who are attempting to scam individuals out of their money. Taxpayers are receiving phone calls from individuals posing as IRS agents. They are requesting the individual provide their bank account information to the caller in order to process a tax refund. Other people are receiving an email requesting the same information. Remember, the IRS will never contact individuals by phone or email about their tax account. If you have received a call or email that you suspect is a scam, please contact the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433 to report it.