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Retirees that Don't File a Tax Return and Have Dependent Children May Need to Take Action Before Noon April 22

Article Highlights:

- Social Security or Railroad Retirees
- Children Under Age 17
- IRS Non-filer Tool
- Before Noon EST April 22
- SSI and VA Beneficiaries

If you receive Social Security Retirement or Railroad Retirement benefits and are not required to file a tax return and have one or more dependents under the age of 17, you need to take action no later than **12 noon EST on Wednesday, April 22** or you will have to wait until 2021 to receive the \$500 rebate for the children.

Since you are not required to file a tax return, the IRS is unaware of any dependent children under the age of 17 that you have and because of that you will only receive the \$1,200 recovery rebate for yourself unless you quickly take action to inform the IRS of any dependents under age 17. You can do that using the [IRS Non-Filer Tool](#).

However, the IRS will only use information supplied by way of the tool **BEFORE 12 NOON EST on WEDNESDAY APRIL 22**.

SSI and VA beneficiaries will have some additional time beyond April 22 to add their children since their \$1,200 automatic payments will be made at a later date. SSI recipients will receive their automatic payments in early May, and the VA payment schedule for beneficiaries who receive Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefit payments is still being determined. If you have children and aren't required to file a tax return, both groups are urged to use the [Non-Filer](#) tool as soon as possible.

Once the \$1,200 payment has been issued, you will **not** be eligible to use the Non-Filer tool to add eligible children. Your payment will be \$1,200 and, by law, the additional \$500 per eligible child amount would be paid in association with a return filed in 2021 for tax year 2020.

Please call this office if you have questions.