



More Than 150,000 New Jersey Residents Yet to Claim Economic Stimulus Payments

To help boost the economy, Congress authorized economic stimulus payments of \$300 (\$600 for married couples) for eligible households. To claim your payment, all you have to do is file a 2007 IRS 1040 tax return. Even if you don't usually file a tax form because your income is low, you may want to file one this year so you can claim your \$300 or \$600.

It's not too late! You have until **October 15, 2008** to file.

1. Did you earn at least \$3,000 in 2007 from any one or more of the following?

- Earned Income;
- Social Security benefits (including social security disability payments);
- Certain veterans' benefits;
- Certain railroad retirement benefits; and
- Nontaxable combat pay.

2. Do you have a valid Social Security Number?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then you should file IRS form 1040A to receive a check for \$300 or \$600 if you file as a married couple.

Frequently Asked Questions:



1. I don't normally file a federal tax return.

Am I still eligible?

Yes, even if you normally don't file a federal tax return, you can still be eligible if you had income of at least \$3,000.

2. How do I get the IRS tax form 1040A?

If you or a family member has access to a computer go on to www.AARP.org. Click on **AARP: Health, Travel, Baby Boomers, etc.** On the AARP home page click on **MONEY**. On the MONEY page, look to the left and click on **Economic Stimulus Payment Help**. Then follow the instructions. You can complete and submit the simple IRS form 1040A right on line or you can download the form and mail it in.

3. I don't have access to a computer, and I need help to fill out the form - how can I apply?

- The IRS has 12 Taxpayer Assistance Centers in New Jersey. Call the IRS hotline for a site near you at 1-866-234-2942. Or
- Call one of the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics:
 - Edison Tax Legal Assistance Project: 1-888-576-5529
 - Bridgeton South Jersey Legal Services: 1-800-496-4570

4. I don't have my W-2 tax form. Can I still apply?

Yes, all you need to apply is your name, your spouse's name - if married - an address and a valid SSN.

5. My only income is SSI. Am I eligible to apply?

No, SSI payments are not considered Social Security benefits and cannot be included.

6. I have a valid SSN but my spouse does not. Am I eligible to apply?

You can apply as long as you had at least \$3,000 in income as defined above. Do not include your spouse on the IRS tax form.

**Don't Miss Out On Your
\$300 or \$600 check!
1-866-234-2942**

