

## The Advance Child Tax Credit Starts July 15. Here's What You Need to Know.

### How do I know if I'm eligible?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [has started sending letters](#) to more than 36 million American families who may be eligible to receive monthly Child Tax Credit payments starting in July. The letters are going to families who may be eligible based on information they included in either their 2019 or 2020 federal income tax returns or who used the Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov last year to register for an Economic Impact Payment.

The IRS has created a special advance Child Tax Credit 2021 page at [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021), designed to provide the most up-to-date information about the credit and the advance payments. The page will also feature other useful new online tools, including:

- An interactive Child Tax Credit **eligibility tool** to help families determine whether they qualify for the advance Child Tax Credit payments.
- A **Child Tax Credit Update Portal**, which will enable those eligible to opt out of the advance payment program, check the status of their payments, and update their information. Information will also be available in Spanish.

### What do I need to do to get my payments?

You don't need to do anything if you filed your income taxes for 2020. Non-filer parents can sign up for payment at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>.

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### Can a creditor take my payments?

No. Virginia law protects these payments from creditors.

### Will this affect my SNAP/TANF benefits?

No. The advance Child Tax Credit is not counted as income or resources for 12 months.