COVID RELIEF for Marylanders starts today!

The RELIEF Act of 2021 is an emergency economic impact and tax relief package that will provide more than $1 billion for Maryland working families, small businesses, and those who have lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The RELIEF Act includes direct economic impact payments for low to moderate income Maryland taxpayers who claimed and received the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on their 2019 Maryland State Tax Return with the following annual earnings:

- $50,954 ($56,844 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children;
- $47,440 ($53,330 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children;
- $41,756 ($47,646 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child;
- $15,820 ($21,710 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

No application is necessary to receive this relief. **Beginning TODAY, Tuesday, February 16,** Comptroller Peter Franchot and the staff of the Comptroller’s Office will **begin processing more than $200 million in payments to our most vulnerable families,** people stuck awaiting decisions on their unemployment insurance claims, and struggling businesses and nonprofit organizations.
Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot discusses the launch of the Relief Act, and steps you can take to check if you are eligible.

Individual or joint filers who qualified for and claimed the EITC in Tax Year 2019 will receive direct stimulus payments of the following amounts:

- $300 to individual tax filers;
- $500 to spouses who filed a joint return, for a surviving spouse, or head of household

Payment will be sent by either mail or direct deposit to the bank account provided on the 2019 tax return. These payments will not be offset by other state debts that would normally cause a tax offset to a Maryland tax refund, with the exception of a child support judgment. However, economic impact payments are not protected from garnishment by creditors once the money is deposited into your bank account.

Taxpayers can verify their eligibility for a relief payment and verify the status of their payment on the Comptroller of Maryland’s website: www.Marylandtaxes.gov/RELIEFAct.

FAQs & Contact Information

Click here for FAQs.
Haga clic aquí para preguntas frecuentes en Español.

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