



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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Notice to financial institutions: Treasury Checks for Economic Impact Payments

As authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 ("Act"), beginning on December 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) will start printing and mailing Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks with a pay date of January 6, 2021. Estimated check volume is approximately 5 to 7 million checks per week.

The Treasury check for an EIP will be the same as the Treasury check for a tax refund payment, except that the check will have identifying text in the memo field stating "Economic Impact Payment" on the first line and the President's name on the second line. As usual, the checks will be signed by a Fiscal Service disbursing official. The check symbol for the latest round of EIP checks under the Act will be 40436 and displayed in the MICR line.

A sample image of the front of an EIP check is at the end of this notice.

U.S. Treasury Check Security Features: Financial institutions can also learn more about the security features of U.S. Treasury checks at <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/files/reference-guidance/gold-book/check-security-features.pdf>.

Treasury Check Verification: Fiscal Service encourages financial institutions to determine the status of EIP and other Treasury checks by using either:

1. The Treasury Check Verification Application (TCVA) for single queries; or
2. The Treasury Check Verification System (TCVS) for single queries and bulk queries using an automated programming interface (API).

The TCVA for single queries and TCVS for single and bulk queries are tools to help the financial services industry check the status of U.S. Treasury checks. TCVA is available from Sunday 1:00 pm to Saturday 11:59 pm EST. TCVS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

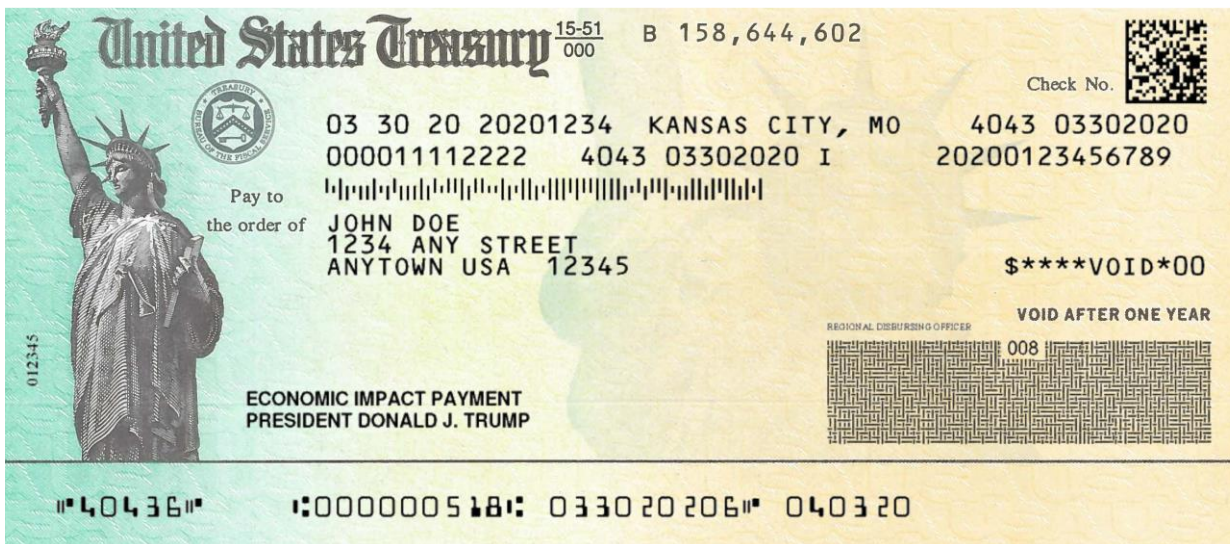
NOTE: TCVA and TCVS are unable to provide assurance that the check being presented is genuine (not counterfeit) or that it is properly payable. Check

information is not real-time and may not reflect that a check has already been presented for payment and is in process.

Fiscal Service plans to decommission the TCVA (single query application) on January 18, 2021. Fiscal Service will monitor outstanding Treasury check volume in January 2021 to determine whether the decommissioning date should be delayed.

For more information about TCVA and TCVS, please visit <https://tcva.fiscal.treasury.gov> or contact Fiscal Service at (855) 868-0151, option 1 or paymentintegrity@fiscal.treasury.gov. For other questions, please direct inquiries to the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service Payment Center at (855) 868-0151, option 2, option 0 or payments@fiscal.treasury.gov.

Sample Image of Treasury EIP Check Payable under the Act



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