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The Internal Revenue Service has made enhancements to the "Get My Payment" tool to deliver an improved and smoother experience for Americans eligible to receive Economic Impact Payments.

The enhancements, which started last week and continued through the weekend, adjusted several items related to the online tool, which debuted on April 15. The

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"We encourage people to check back in and visit Get My Payment," Rettig added.

"These enhancements will help many taxpayers. By using Get My Payment now,
more people will be able to get payments quickly by being able to add direct deposit
information."

How to use Get My Payment Available only on IRS.gov, the online application is safe and secure to use. Taxpayers only need a few pieces of information to quickly obtain the status of their payment and, where needed, provide their bank account information. Having a copy of their most recent tax return can help speed the process.

As a reminder, Get My Payment is a U.S. Government system for authorized use only. The tool is solely for use by individuals or those legally authorized by the individual to access their information. Unauthorized use is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties.

- For taxpayers to track the status of their payment, this feature will show taxpayers the scheduled delivery date by direct deposit or mail and the last four digits of the bank account being used if the IRS has direct deposit information. They will need to enter basic information including:
 - Social Security number
 - o Date of birth, and
 - Mailing address used on their tax return.
- Taxpayers needing to add their bank account information to speed receipt of their payment will also need to provide the following additional information:
 - Their Adjusted Gross Income from their most recent tax return submitted,
 either 2019 or 2018
 - The refund or amount owed from their latest filed tax return
 - o Bank account type, account and routing numbers

Get My Payment cannot update bank account information after an Economic Impact

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watch out for scams using email, phone calls or texts related to the payments. Be careful and cautious: The IRS will not send unsolicited electronic communications asking people to open attachments, visit a website or share personal or financial information. Remember, go directly and solely to IRS.gov for official information.

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