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federal tax returns in 2022, including special steps related to Economic Impact Payments and advance Child Tax Credit payments.

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There is still time to take actions in December to help when it comes time to file federal tax returns in 2022, including special steps related to Economic Impact Payments and advance Child Tax Credit payments.

Here are some key items for taxpayers to consider before they file next year.

Check on advance Child Tax Credit payments

Families who received advance payments will need to compare the [advance Child Tax Credit payments](#) that they received in 2021 with the amount of the Child Tax

Credit that they can properly claim on their 2021 tax return.

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See [Reconciling Your Advance Child Tax Credit Payments on Your 2021 Tax Return](#) for more information.

Eligible families who did not get monthly advance payments in 2021 can still get a lump-sum payment by claiming the Child Tax Credit when they file a 2021 federal income tax return next year. This includes families who don't normally need to file a return.

Economic Impact Payments and claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit

Individuals who didn't qualify for the third [Economic Impact Payment](#) or did not receive the full amount may be eligible for the [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) based on their 2021 tax information. They'll need to file a 2021 tax return, even if they don't usually file, to claim the credit.

Individuals will also need the amount of their third Economic Impact Payment and any Plus-Up Payments received to calculate their correct 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit amount when they file their tax return. Ensuring they use the correct payment amounts will help them avoid a processing delay that may slow their refund.

In early 2022, the IRS will send Letter 6475 that contains the total amount of the [third Economic Impact Payment and any Plus-Up Payments](#) received. People should keep this and any other IRS letters about their stimulus payments with other tax records. Individuals can also log in to their [IRS.gov Online Account](#) to securely access their Economic Impact Payment amounts.

See [IRS.gov/rrc](https://www.irs.gov/rrc) for more information.

Charitable deduction changes

Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may qualify to take a charitable deduction

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