

Resources for Individuals Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

Title / Summary	Source	More Info
<p>STIMULUS CHECKS / REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS - The CARES Act provides eligible individuals with a refund check equal to \$1,200 (\$2,400 for joint filers) plus \$500 per qualifying child. The refund begins to phase out if the individual's adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers and \$112,500 for head of household filers). The credit is completely phased out for individuals with no qualifying children if their AGI exceeds \$99,000 (\$198,000 for joint filers and \$136,500 for head of household filers).</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>POSTPONED INCOME TAX FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES FOR INDIVIDUALS - Any person with a federal income tax return or payment due April 15, 2020, including individuals, trusts, estates, corporations, or any type of unincorporated business entity is automatically postponed until July 15, 2020. First quarter federal estimated tax payments are also postponed until July 15, 2020, but keep in mind that the second quarter estimated tax payments are still due June 15, 2020. Illinois has also extended its income tax due date to July 15, 2020 but there is no change to the estimated tax payment due dates therefore Q1 is due 4/15/20 and Q2 is due 6/15/20.</p>	IRS Notice 2020-18	IRS Notice
<p>DERERRAL OF RMDs (REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS) - Individuals do not have to take their 2020 required minimum distributions from their retirement funds. This avoids lost earnings power on the taxes due on distributions and maximizes the potential gain as the market recovers.</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION WITHOUT ITEMIZING - Under the CARES Act, an eligible individual may take a qualified charitable contribution deduction of up to \$300 on their 2020 tax return. An eligible individual is any individual taxpayer who does not elect to itemize his or her deductions. A qualified charitable contribution is a charitable contribution (i) made in cash, (ii) for which a charitable contribution deduction is otherwise allowed, and (iii) that is made to certain publicly supported charities.</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>EARLY RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTION PENALTY RELIEF - Eligible individuals can withdraw vested amounts up to \$100,000 during 2020 without a 10% early distribution penalty, and income inclusion can be spread over three years. Repayment of distributions during the next three years will be treated as tax-free rollovers of the distribution.</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>INCREASED LOANS ALLOWED FROM QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLANS - The CARES Act also makes it easier to borrow money from 401(k) accounts, raising the limit to \$100,000 from \$50,000 for the first 180 days after enactment, and the payment dates for any loans due the rest of 2020 would be extended for a year.</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>INDIVIDUALS CAN APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FROM IDES - Under the new CARES Act, individuals who are unable to work because of: testing positive for COVID-19; taking care of a family member who has COVID-19; taking care of a child whose school is closed; cannot get to work because his/her place of employment is closed as a result of COVID-19; self-quarantining under the advisement of a health professional; are eligible to receive up to 39 weeks of unemployment insurance. The Act waives the two-week waiting period to be eligible for Unemployment Insurance. It also provides an additional \$600 per week payment to each recipient of unemployment insurance or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for up to four months. As of 3/28/2020 the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) has not published a response to the Act but it does have a set filing schedule due to the high volume of applicants.</p>	Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	IDES Website
<p>ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX CREDIT REFUNDS - The CARES Act allows the refundable alternative minimum tax credit to be completely refunded for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, or by election, taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the credit was refundable over a series of years with the remainder recoverable in 2021.</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>NET OPERATING LOSSES - The CARES Act temporarily repeals the 80% income limitation for net operating loss deductions for years beginning before 2021. For losses arising in 2018, 2019, and 2020, a five-year carryback is allowed (taxpayers can elect to forgo the carryback).</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill
<p>MODIFICATION TO CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS - Currently, individuals who make cash contributions to publicly supported charities are permitted a charitable contribution deduction of up to 60% of their AGI. Any such contributions in excess of the 60% AGI limitation may be carried forward as a charitable contribution in each of the five succeeding years. The CARES Act temporarily suspends the AGI limitation for qualifying cash contributions, instead permitting individual taxpayers to take a charitable contribution deduction for qualifying cash contributions made in 2020 to the extent such contributions do not exceed the excess of the individual's contribution base over the amount of all other charitable contributions allowed as a deduction for the contribution year</p>	Federal CARES Act (H.R. 748)	HR 748 Bill