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PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS STIMULUS ACT



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To stimulate the economy, the Stimulus Act provides for a refundable recovery rebate credit to eligible individuals in 2008. Most will receive a rebate check from the U.S. Treasury based on filing status and income reported in the 2007 return they file in 2008. In order to receive the rebate credit, a 2007 return must be filed, even if no tax is due. The rebate checks are scheduled to be issued beginning in May.

Who gets the rebate?

Anyone receiving at least \$3,000 a year in compensation, Social Security, disabled veterans benefits or a combination of these items.

How much?

\$300 for a person who doesn't pay taxes, and up to \$600 for a person who pays taxes; up to \$1,200 for a taxpaying couple filing jointly. Taxpayers with children will receive \$300 more for each dependent child who was 16 or younger in 2007.

What about the wealthy?

Rebates are reduced 5 percent for each \$1,000 of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly. In effect, no rebates for a person having taxable income of \$87,000 or more, or couples with taxable income of \$174,000 or higher.

How to apply?

File an income tax return even if you don't owe taxes. If you already have sent in your return, nothing more needs to be done.