



The Payroll Post

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From your President...

Welcome to our newly designed bi-monthly newsletter. I hope you & your family are staying safe, healthy & sane while we are social distancing. While we may not be gathering together physically, there are many opportunities for us to remain connected to our fellow payroll pros. Congress has morphed into [Congress Xstream](#), which is a new virtual version of Congress that is different from Virtual Congress. Congress Xstream will be held June 2nd - 5th. Included with your Congress Xstream registration is [Virtual Congress](#), which will be held June 24th - 25th. On June 11th you can join [APA's PayNews Twitter chat](#) to connect with payroll pros as they share their thoughts on Mid-Year Compliance Review. Also, our June 11th meeting will be held virtually as well. Please note the time change from an evening meeting to 8:30-10 AM. Watch your emails & our social networks for more details & registration information.

Your board will be meeting in June to explore how we will be able to offer our summer study group and plan [National Payroll Week](#) activities. We will continue to monitor the social distancing guidelines each month until we are able to safely resume our in-person activities. We look forward to the time when we can all gather together in person again!

Stay safe and healthy!

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June 2-5, 2020
June 11, 2020
June 24-25, 2020
September 7-11, 2020

Upcoming Events:

June 11, 2020 Monthly Meeting
Online 8.30 – 10.30 a.m.
More Info Coming Soon!

Congress Xstream
PayNews Twitter Chat
Virtual Congress
National Payroll Week

Free Webinar!

June 9th – 1:00 p.m. Payroll Responses to Quarantine and Recovery - The spread of COVID-19 has fundamentally impacted every aspect of American life. On the individual level, all of us have felt the effects of social distancing and empty supermarket shelves. But in the workplace, the experiences have varied, especially by industry. Regardless of which type of company you work at, it's likely you have undergone significant changes to your workflow as a result of this pandemic, which National APA will address in this free (to national members), one-hour webinar. Click [here](#) to register.



IRS News Essentials

Issue Number: COVID Tax Tip 2020-55

What people really want to know about Economic Impact Payments

IRS.gov has answers to many questions people may have about their Economic Impact Payment. Here are answers to some of the top questions people are asking about these payments.

Is this payment considered taxable income?

No, the payment is not income and taxpayers will not owe tax on it. The payment will not reduce a taxpayer's refund or increase the amount they owe when they file their 2020 tax return next year. A payment also will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs.

Can people who receive a Form SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 use *Get My Payment* to check their payment status?

Yes, they will be able to use [Get My Payment](#) to check the status of their payment after verifying their identity by answering the required security questions.

If someone's bank account information has changed since they filed their last tax return, can they update it using *Get My Payment*?

To help protect against potential fraud, the tool also does not allow people to change direct deposit bank account information already on file with the IRS. If the IRS issues a direct deposit based on the account information that the taxpayer provided on their tax return and the bank information is now invalid or the account has been closed, the bank will reject the deposit. The agency will then mail payment as soon as possible to the address they have on file. [Get My Payment](#) will be updated to reflect the date a payment will be mailed. It will take up to 14 days to receive the payment, standard mailing time.

Where can people get more information?

Taxpayers who are required to file a tax return, can go to [IRS Free File](#) to file electronically. If they aren't required to file, they should go to the [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) tool and submit their information to receive an Economic Impact Payment.

Excerpt from: IRS.gov helps taxpayers get tax information they need; find tools for filing, paying, checking accounts and answering questions

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers today about several online [tools](#) available to help them get the tax information they need as the IRS has limited operations due to the coronavirus.

More taxpayers are using IRS.gov than ever before; as of May 8, the agency's website had been visited a record 1 billion times, up 141% compared to the same time last year.

The tools on [IRS.gov](#) are easy-to-use and available 24 hours a day. Millions of taxpayers use them to help file and pay taxes, find information about their accounts and get answers to tax questions.

Choose from a variety of payment options

Taxpayers should visit the "[Pay](#)" tab on IRS.gov to see their payment options. Most tax software products give taxpayers various payment options, including the option to withdraw the funds from a bank account. These include:

- [IRS Direct Pay](#) offers taxpayers a free, fast, secure and easy way to make an electronic payment from their bank account to the U.S. Treasury.
- Use an approved payment processor to pay by credit, debit card or digital wallet options for a fee. Make monthly or quarterly tax payments using [IRS Direct Pay](#) or through the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#).
- Pay by cash at a [participating retail store](#).

Last month, the IRS also announced that taxpayers generally have until July 15, 2020, to pay federal income taxes originally due on April 15. No late-filing penalty, late-payment penalty or interest will be due. This includes estimated tax payments normally due April 15 and June 15, which are now extended to July 15, 2020.

View tax account information online

To see their tax account, taxpayers can use the [View Your Account](#) tool. They'll find information such as a payoff amount, the balance for each tax year owed, up to 24 months of their payment history and key information from their current tax year return as originally filed.

Taxpayers can use the [Get Transcript](#) tool to view, print or download their tax transcripts after the IRS has processed the return. Taxpayers will notice a delay in the processing of their Forms 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, because of closed IRS offices due to COVID-19. Tax return transcripts show most line items from an original tax return, along with any forms and schedules, but not any changes made after the taxpayer filed it. The tool is free and available on IRS.gov. Ordering a tax transcript will not speed up a taxpayer's refund or provide an updated refund date.

Taxpayers can easily find the most up-to-date information about their tax refund using the "[Where's My Refund?](#)" tool on IRS.gov and on the official IRS mobile app, [IRS2Go](#). Within 24 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of an e-filed return, taxpayers can start checking on the status of their refund. Taxpayers should be aware that the IRS isn't currently processing paper tax returns due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Get answers to tax questions and Economic Impact Payments

Taxpayers may find answers to many of their questions using the [Interactive Tax Assistant](#) (ITA), a tax law resource that works using a series of questions and provides responses.

For questions concerning Economic Impact Payments, visit the [Economic Impact Payments](#) section of IRS.gov. Taxpayers will find two tools there to help them get their payments: "[Get My Payment](#)" and "[Nonfilers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)." Both tools are available in English and in Spanish.

Taxpayers should use "Get My Payment" to check payment status, confirm payment type and enter bank account information for direct deposit if the IRS doesn't have that information and hasn't sent payment yet. Those who don't normally file taxes must use "Nonfilers: Enter Payment Info Here" to provide simple information, so they can get their payment.

People who receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits and VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits don't use the "Nonfilers: Enter Payment Info Here" tool to receive their Economic Impact Payment. The IRS already has this information and those who receive these benefits will automatically receive \$1,200. But, for those who receive benefits in these groups **and** have a qualifying child, they may be eligible for an additional \$500 per child. However, their payment will be \$1,200 and, by law, the IRS would pay the additional \$500 per eligible child amount in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

For more information on the payments see the [Economic Impact Payment FAQs](#) and see our [Get My Payment FAQs](#) for more information about this tool.

Watch out for scams related to Economic Impact Payments

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. To use the new app or get information, taxpayers should visit IRS.gov. People should 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.**



"PayTalk" – the first podcast created by the APA sets itself apart from other payroll podcasts by uncovering the human side of payroll with global industry leaders, digging deep into personal anecdotes and sharing their unique wisdom.

The first episode, *The Strategic Payroll Professional*, host Nina Talley is joined by two guests:

Linda Obertin, CPP:

Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Global Payroll Leader at Wells Fargo, and former President of the APA



Dimitris Papageorgiou:

Managing Director in strategy and consulting at Accenture, focusing on HR and payroll transformation



This episode covers:

- How to apply strategies from previous service line disruptions to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Predictions for how data automation and AI will shape the payroll profession for years to come
- Advice on how to create a seat at the decision-maker's table to showcase the value that advanced payroll strategy brings to an organization

[Join us for our first episode](#) to discover the people behind the payroll policies, and their thoughts on how you can prepare yourself and your company for the next global disruption in payroll. Be sure to [subscribe on Apple Podcasts](#) now so you don't miss any episodes.

About the Host:

Nina Talley is a creative content professional who has been developing engaging experiences for high-level topics like software and healthcare for more than a decade. She previously served as the Creative Director of Health Innovators, the largest health-tech community in the southeast.

[Learn More](#) about Nina!



NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK 2020

It is time to place your National Payroll Week merchandise order!
Remember that your purchases go toward our entry in the Chapter Promotion NPW contest.

Calling all members of Team Payroll USA: The 2020 NPW store is officially open for business! Show off your status as a member of this elite team of payroll professionals by sporting this year's exclusive gear available at the [NPW](#) site.

When you place your order, **remember to select the Atlanta Chapter while completing the order form.** If you order using the paper order form, be sure to add Atlanta Chapter under "Registrant information" section-preferably on the "organization" line. This will allow your purchase to count towards our chapter promotion of #payrollweek.



The NPW Survey is officially open for 2020! Share your opinion on payroll topics in the "Getting Paid in America" survey for your chance at a bonus paycheck. Click [here](#) for the survey.

America Works Because We're Working for America®

National Payroll Week, September 7-11, celebrates America's employees and the payroll professionals who pay them. Together through payroll withholding, we contribute, collect, report, and deposit 70% of the U.S. Treasury's annual revenue, about \$2.4 trillion per year.

Meet your 2020 Officers

President – Ansleigh Smith, CPP

Ansleigh Smith, CPP started her payroll career at Gold Kist, Inc. worked at Primerica for 20 years and recently joined the Equifax team in 2019.

Ansleigh has been a Certified Payroll Professional since 2013. She joined the Atlanta Chapter of the APA in 2013 and over the years has served the chapter as President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Co-Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Study Group Coordinator & Statewide Conference Coordinator. She also handles the social media accounts for the chapter. Most recently, she won the 2018 The Spy Who Paid Me Congress member game as Miss Calculations.

Ansleigh joined the National APA in 2011 and is a volunteer with the Hotline Referral Service, CHAMPS, SPLTF Best Practices, Electronic Payments, Shared Services, and is the co-chair of the Social Networking Committee. She is also a member of the Education Advisory Committee and will begin to serve as the Regional Advisor for Region 8 in 2020.



On a personal note, Ansleigh is a huge Jimmy Buffett fan and enjoys traveling, cruising with her husband in either their Corvette or 1968 Camaro or on their motorcycle and spending time with her family.

President Elect - Priti Rughani, CPP

Priti Rughani CPP is the Payroll Manager at Collibra Inc and serves on the board of directors for Atlanta Chapter of the American Payroll Association. In her current role Priti is responsible for the company's Global Payrolls, including end-to-end management of payroll processing, Journals and Multi Tax reconciliations. Priti is responsible for Quarterly and Annual Tax and Returns and employee documentation.



Before joining Collibra in November 2019, Priti was the payroll manager for Travelport and was responsible for the EMEA and North American Payrolls. She implemented various payroll software across those regions, and she supported all markets and countries. Priti played a key role in the continued development of the compliance policies and strategies, she built and maintained relationships with key customers, employees, and management, ensuring flexibility in response to an increasingly demanding marketplace.

Priti is a qualified and experienced payroll professional who has extensive knowledge of both international payroll and financial accounting.

Immediate Past President - Dianne Savage, FPC

Dianne Savage is the HR/Payroll Manager for Russell Landscape. She has ten years of experience working with all aspects of Human Resources and Payroll.

She holds an FPC Payroll certification and is Past President of the Atlanta Payroll Chapter.



Secretary - Amanda Riley, CPP



Amanda Riley, CPP started her payroll career at Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP) in 2016 as a Major Accounts Client Support Specialist (CSS I).

She was quickly promoted to CSS II and then to Account Manager (CSS III) by going the extra mile for her clients. In 2019, she transferred to Global Product and Technology department to help design ADP's Next-Gen platform.

Amanda became a National APA member in 2016. Shortly thereafter, received her FPC in 2017, then her CPP in 2019. Desiring to get more involved in the payroll world, she joined the Atlanta APA Chapter in 2019.

When Amanda is not busy working, she loves walking her adorable boxer/hound Yara and cheering on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Treasurer - CJ Easterling, CPP

I have been in payroll / accounting since I was 12 years old. I am still here and I love it.

My passion is teaching and mentoring new payroll people.



Board Member – Alonzo Pitts, CPP



Alonzo Pitts, CPP started his payroll career over 16 years ago at Time Plus Payroll Services located in Alpharetta, GA. He received his FPC certification in the Spring of 2006 and his CPP certification in August of 2018. He is currently the Payroll Supervisor at WestRock.

Alonzo joined the Atlanta Chapter of the APA in 2018 and he became a National APA member in 2020. He attended the 37th Annual APA Congress in Long Beach, CA in 2019 and was elected as a board member to the Atlanta Chapter of the APA in 2020.

Alonzo has served as a volunteer for Emory Heart Walk, Project Open Hand Atlanta, and Georgia Public Broadcast System. He also enjoys international travel as well as health and fitness.

Board Member - Anca Sutu, CPP

Anca L Sutu, CPP started her payroll career in 2010 at Teleflex Medical in Reading, PA as an entry level Payroll Clerk, where she had the opportunity to learn as much as possible about payroll and processing payroll for a union workforce. In the Summer of 2011, she attended Villanova University in the evenings for the Fundamentals of Payroll program and successfully passed the Fundamental Payroll Certification (FPC) exam in the Fall of 2011. In 2012, she took a position as a Payroll Administrator with Dorma USA in Reamstown, PA where she continued to take payroll courses offered through American Payroll Associations (APA) and successfully passed the Certified Payroll Professional (CPP) exam in the Spring of 2014. During the next few years, she assisted in multiple mergers and acquisitions growing the payroll department from one to four team members. This led to her promotion as Payroll Manager of the newly formed department. Recently, she and her family relocated to the Atlanta Metro Area and she currently holds a Payroll Manager position at Turnils N.A. LLC. She quickly joined the Atlanta Chapter of the APA, attending evenings meetings and assisting with the FPC/ CPP Study Group. She finds her payroll career fun, ever changing and greatly rewarding.



Aside from payroll, Anca enjoys reading, walking the beautiful Georgia park trails, and spending time with her husband and their three children. She also, volunteers at her children’s school and helps during the AWANA Children Ministry program at her local church.

Board Member - Candace White, FPC

I have been in payroll for about 10 years and am loving every minute of it. I obtained my FPC and became a member of the local chapter in 2017. I then became a national member in 2018. I enjoy volunteering and participating in my local chapter's events.



Government Liaison Officer – John Hunt, CPP



John Hunt, CPP retired from the City of Alpharetta in April 2019 after 14 years of service, the culmination of a career of over 30 years in payroll and accounting.

John first attended Atlanta Chapter meetings in 1997-1998, but he did not actively join the chapter until 2006. He became a Certified Payroll Professional in 2007. An active volunteer with the NPW and Statewide committees, John has served the Atlanta Chapter as Governmental Liaison Officer, as Co-Webmaster, as Treasurer, as a member of the Board of Directors and as Chapter President.

A member of the American Payroll Association since 2006, John currently volunteers with the Hotline Referral Service and the Social Networking Committee. John also serves on the Chapter Recognition Committee and in 2019 was honored with APA's Meritorious Service Award.

Throughout his career John has worn many hats. In retirement he looks to continue sharing his payroll experience while also doing some traveling and maybe a little golf. His wife may have a few things for him to do around the house first.



We have decided to postpone our GA Statewide Conference from this year to 2021 due to the uncertainty around COVID-19. We want to ensure we can host an event that will keep our attendees safe & meet the guidelines that are being issued that we must follow. We are looking at October 2021 at the same venue (roam Perimeter Center). We will definitely keep you posted as we are continuing to plan for the event.

We appreciate your understanding of our decision. We are looking forward to a great event in 2021!



Congress Xstream – An Online Conference & Expo

June 2-5, 2020

Congress Xstream brings you online world class payroll education for professionals in payroll, tax, finance, global mobility, human resources, and benefits. This exclusive virtual payroll event provides opportunities to explore a wide spectrum of payroll topics and offers virtual networking opportunities with payroll professionals and vendors. Attendees will receive crucial payroll updates as well as priceless answers to payroll challenges.

Registration for this multi-media event includes:

- 8 workshop sessions with [28 workshops](#) to choose from; earn up to 37.5 RCHs
- [4 General Session Keynotes, 2 Industry Expert presentations, AND a special presentation from the IRS Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Chief Counsel](#)
- Virtual networking in the Expo and Networking Lounges with leading industry product and service providers, other attendees, APA staff, presenters, Incoming President Lois Fried, CPP, and Executive Director, Dan Maddux
- 4 days in the [Expo](#) – live interaction, product demos, white papers, prizes, and more
- Interactive games to test your knowledge and win prizes
- Free access to live [Virtual Congress](#) (June 24-25, 2020) for an additional two days of education and up to 22 more RCHs
- On-demand access to the Conference and Expo until September 5, 2020
- The first 2,000 registrants in the continental U.S. will receive Congress Swag – a package filled with your conference bag and gifts from sponsors. (Delivery may be delayed due to COVID-19 issues.)
- A 1-year [APA Membership](#) for Colleague and Nonmember registrations

Credit Information

Earn up to: 37.5 Recertification Credit Hours (RCHs), 3.75 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), or 11.5 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. No advance preparation required. See individual sessions for CPE Fields of Study. CPE credits are not available for on demand sessions.

This program has been approved for up to 14.5 HR (General) recertification credit hours toward aPHR™, aPHRi™, PHR®, PHRca®, SPHR®, GPHR®, PHRi™ and SPHRi™ recertification through HR Certification Institute® (HRCI®). HRCI credits are not available for on demand sessions.



Virtual Congress and Expo



June 24 - 25, 2020

Join us for this virtual event, presented on Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25. Workshops and general sessions will be available on demand June 26 through September 25, 2020.

The 2020 Virtual Congress & Expo offers (free to Congress Xstream Attendees!):

- 12 Educational Workshops, 3 General Sessions, and a Thought Leadership Session
- The opportunity to earn up to 22 RCHs, based on actual attendance at each workshop session
- A full-service Expo Hall to visit with our exclusive payroll vendors and learn about the latest product and service solutions available
- A Networking Lounge with multiple chat boards to network with peers
- A Resource Center to gather important event materials and news
- Profile pages for all participants to see who's attending

Credit Information

Earn up to 22.0 Recertification Credit Hours (RCHs), 2.20 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), or 6.0 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. No advance preparation required. See individual sessions for CPE Fields of Study. **CPE credits are not available for on demand sessions.**

Atlanta Chapter of the APA

Meetings held the second
Thursday of the month at
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See us at:

<https://apaatlantachapter.com/index.php>

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About Our Organization



We are a nonprofit organization centered on providing continuing education to payroll, accounting and human resource professionals. Along with education, we offer community service opportunities for all members. We are an autonomous and independent Chapter of the American Payroll Association.

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