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**The Department of Revenue and Taxation
Announces Release of Additional EIP Program Payments; Deadline for filing of Form EIP-NF to receive
payment by December 31, 2020; Opening of EIP Payment Portal**

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Barrigada, GU – The Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) announced today that on Thursday, June 25, 2020 the agency processed **1,015 EIP Program payments** totaling about **\$1.695 million**.

Altogether, for the months of April 2020, May 2020, and June 2020, DRT processed **68,898 EIP Program payments totaling about \$126.04 million**. This represents about 94% of the estimated \$134.8 million which was approved by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Treasury.

DRT is processing EIP Program payments on a weekly basis. In line with the CARES Act, DRT will continue to process EIP Program payments through December 31, 2020.

Payments will be based on validly filed and processed 2019 Guam Individual Income Tax Returns, and if an individual has not filed a 2019 Guam Individual Income Tax Return or if filed and Guam DRT has not processed the individual's 2019 Guam Individual Income Tax Return at the time of certification of EIP to be paid, but has a validly filed and processed 2018 Guam Individual Income Tax Return, then Guam DRT shall determine based on validly filed and processed 2018 Guam Individual Income Tax Return.

DRT worked to ensure that the language "validly filed and processed" was approved by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury. This language was very critical to the agency being able to follow the pillar of the CARES Act which requires that payments be made as rapidly as possible to eligible recipients. Had this language not been included, DRT would have only been able to pay a fraction of what it was able to pay within the month, which would have resulted in thousands of Guam residents waiting for potentially up to several months for their EIP.

All EIP Program checks were transmitted to the Treasurer of Guam for mailing with the last batch being transmitted on Thursday June 25, 2020.

All EIP Program payments processed were subject to garnishments for child support in line with what is required by the CARES Act.

The following are potential reasons you may not have received your EIP Program payment if you have already filed a return:

1. Issues relating to an incorrect mailing address.
2. Issues relating to a mismatched social security number.
3. Issues related to eligibility requirements such as the income threshold or when someone has claimed you as a dependent.
4. Improper use of the Non-filer claim form when required to file an Income Tax Return for either or for both 2018 and 2019.

5. Issues related to a late-filed Income Tax Return for tax year 2018. Keep in mind that tax year 2019 was extended to July 15, 2020.

All Guam residents are required to file with the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation. Residents of Guam should not use the non-filer portal on the IRS website.

Notices were sent to EIP recipients in line with the CARES Act. EIP recipients are encouraged to keep these notices so that when they file their 2020 return, they will be able to reconcile with that notice to claim additional credits should they be entitled.

As of May 16, 2020 DRT launched its online version of the Guam Form EIP-NF, *Economic Impact Payment for Non-filers* Form. Guam residents who meet the requirements for the Form EIP-NF are encouraged to register at the Individual Login Section of DRT's website at www.myguamtax.com so that they can file the form online.

Consistent with the IRS, Guam DRT urges all eligible non-filers to file their Forms EIP-NF as quickly as possible so that they will be able to receive their EIP Program payment. Only eligible, Guam Form EIP-NF filers who file by October 15, 2020, by all filing mechanisms allowed by Guam DRT, will be able to receive their payments by December 31, 2020. Anyone who files after October 15, 2020 will be required to file their 2020 income tax return in order to receive a credit for the Economic Impact Payment.

For those taxpayers or non-filers who would like to check the status of their EIP Program payment, DRT has launched its EIP CARES Lookup Portal at www.myguamtax.com. Taxpayers/non-filers must register at the Individual Login section of the website in order to check on their payment status.

You can find DRT's FAQ on the Guam EIP Program in the COVID-19 section of the DRT website at <https://www.guamtax.com/>.

DRT's call center numbers are 635-1840/41/42/57 and 635-7603/04/06.

Due to high call volumes, however, DRT recommends e-mailing *general* questions regarding the Guam EIP Program to guameip@revtax.guam.gov.

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