

Economic Stimulus Check

Frequently Asked Questions

Q *What is the Economic Stimulus Plan?*

A The Federal Government will be issuing checks or direct deposits to qualifying taxpayers. Direct deposits will be made to qualifying taxpayers who had their 2007 Tax Refund deposited into their bank accounts, beginning this week. Paper checks will be mailed to qualifying taxpayers who opted to receive their Tax Refund by paper check. This stimulus check is different from a Tax Refund. It is a rebate to get Americans spending money in order to stimulate the economy.

Most taxpayers will receive a stimulus payment—either by direct deposit or paper check. There are some exceptions—single filers with incomes of over \$75,000 or joint filers over \$150,000 will have their payment reduced, and if the income is high enough, will not receive a payment. Those who paid little or no taxes might also not qualify. The standard amount of the payment will be:

\$600 per adult

\$300 per qualifying child (under 17)

Q *How do I use my check to purchase gift cards?*

A You may bring your check to any front end register or guest services. You may also show your letter from the IRS or a bank deposit slip to purchase gift cards using cash, debit or credit.

Q *Can I purchase any amount of gift cards I want?*

A You may purchase any amount from \$100 to the amount of your check or deposit unless you are redeeming your check at the register. If you are redeeming your check at the register, no more than \$100 in cash will be refunded. For example, if you have a check for \$750 you must put \$700 toward gift cards (that's $\$700 + 15\% = \805) and receive \$50 in cash back. You may not purchase \$500 in gift cards and take \$250 in cash.

Q *What if I receive my stimulus rebate via direct deposit?*

A You may bring in your letter from the IRS or your deposit slip as proof of receipt.

Q *If the check is made out to more than one person, do they both have to endorse it?*

A Yes. We cannot accept the check if both parties have not endorsed it.

Q *Can I use my gift cards to purchase alcohol, tobacco, etc.?*

A Yes. Gift cards can be used for any purchase.

Q *Can I use my rebate check to purchase other gift cards such as Home Depot, The Gap, etc. that Haggen sells?*

A No. The 15% bonus will apply only to Haggen gift cards.

Q *Does this program also apply to 2007 Tax Refund Checks?*

A No. The 15% bonus applies only to the Economic Stimulus payment.

Q *What is the maximum amount that can be loaded on one gift card?*

A The maximum amount that can be loaded onto a gift card is \$900.00.

Q *What if I loses my gift card(s)?*

A Gift cards are like cash and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

Q *Do Haggen gift cards expire?*

A No.