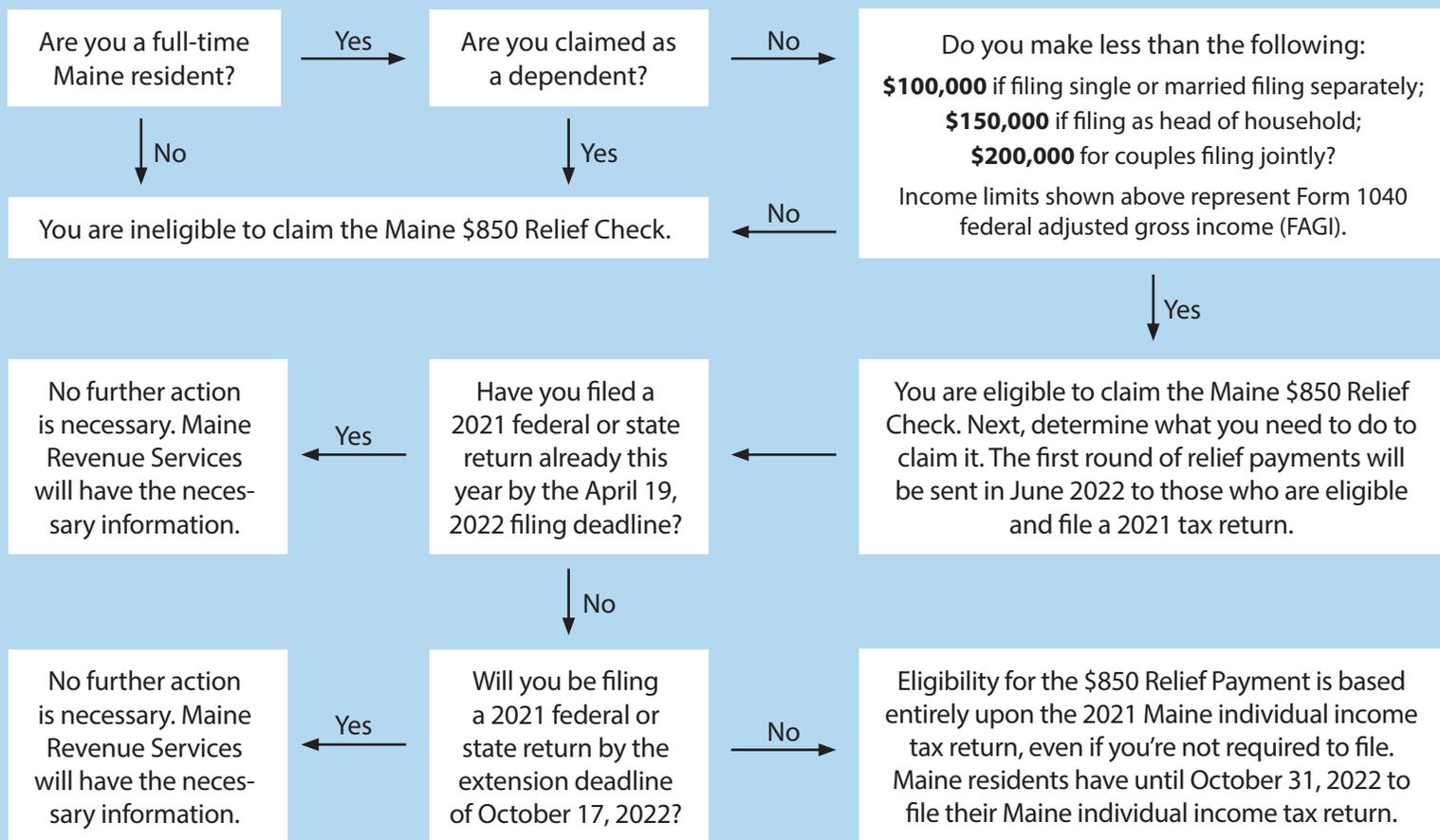




Guide to Claim Your \$850 Maine State Relief Payment

The Legislature has approved \$729.3 million for Relief Checks for about 858,000 Maine people.

We have developed the chart below to see if you're eligible for this payment and instructions on how to claim it.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if I'm retired and don't normally file a return? The \$850 relief payments are available to retirees, those who receive social security and/or supplemental security income (SSI), and other retirement income so long as you meet the other eligibility criteria. Tax professionals can assist social security recipients, who should use the SSA-1099 form typically sent in January by the federal government to finalize their 2021 state individual income tax return if they have not done so already. For assistance in identifying free tax help, please visit www.cashmaine.org, call 2-1-1, or visit 211maine.org.

What if I didn't receive a relief check last time? Last year's relief program was specifically designed by the Legislature as a thank you to Maine people who worked during the early days of the pandemic. Compared to the previous relief program, the wages requirement has been dropped. As it currently stands, approximately 333,000 more Maine people will qualify for this program including retirees, those who are self-employed or are business owners, and joint filers.

What if I need assistance with tax filing?

For more information about eligibility or how to file your 2021 Maine individual income tax return using Maine's Fast/File or I-File services, visit Maine Revenue Services' website at www.maine.gov/revenue or call (207) 624-9924. For assistance in identifying free tax help, please visit www.cashmaine.org, call 2-1-1, or visit 211maine.org.

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