



COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Colorado River Indian Reservation

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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Dear Tribal Member:

Tribal Council has approved a 2019 Tribal Member Distribution payment of \$1500.00 for each CRIT Tribal Member. CRIT Tribal members, both minors and adults, who are enrolled with CRIT as of December 1, 2019 are eligible to receive a distribution. CRIT has again retained Zion's Bank to manage the 2019 Tribal Member Distribution. CRIT is **not** disbursing checks in person at the CRIT Gymnasium. Tribal Members only have to submit forms for the 2019 tribal distribution if there are changes since last years' distribution.

Tribal Members will receive their distribution by mail or by direct deposit into a bank account. Parents or legal guardians may request direct deposit for their eligible minor tribal member children into an account owned by the parent or the child. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT ANY NEW FORMS IF YOU INTEND TO RECEIVE YOUR DISTRIBUTION BY THE SAME METHOD OR SAME BANK ACCOUNT AS IN 2018.** The Tribal Distribution will be mailed or direct deposited on December 5th, 2019 provided all required information is received by CRIT Accounting no later than November 15th, 2019. If you do not submit your information by November 15th, 2019, then you must submit it by November 29th, 2019 for distribution on December 19th, 2019 or by January 9th, 2020 for distribution on January 16th, 2020. After those dates all requests for 2019 distribution will be handled on a monthly basis.

All Tribal Members, including minors, must complete and submit a current W-9 in order to receive the 2019 tribal distribution **if** your name or address changed from 2018, you did not complete one in prior years, or your social security number was incorrect. Failure to timely submit a properly completed W-9 will result in a delay in receiving your distribution. A W-9 is included for your use. If you submitted an accurate W-9 in prior years and your name or address has not changed, you are not required to submit a new W-9.

If you want to receive your tribal distribution by direct deposit, you must submit the attached Direct Deposit Authorization Form along with a voided check to CRIT Accounting. If you do not have a direct deposit authorization form on file from last year, or do not submit one for 2019, your distribution will be mailed to the address on your W-9. A self-addressed stamped envelope is included for your use to return the forms.

Please note that the checks for eligible minor tribal members will be issued in the name of the child and not the parents. Parents or guardians **must** submit proof of their right to receive the distribution on behalf of their child by submitting the Distribution Form for Minors and supporting documents, including copies of the child's Tribal Identification card and a birth

certificate listing the parent(s) before checks will be mailed or the payment directly deposited. If applicable, a parent should provide legal documents to establish they have legal custody and placement of the child. However, please note that new forms are not required unless there is a change from 2018 of who is entitled to receive the distribution on behalf of the child, an address change for those distributions mailed, the account for direct deposit has changed, or the parent/guardian wishes to change from mail to direct deposit or vice versa. Please contact the Enrollment office if you need to obtain a replacement Tribal ID.

Checks will not be issued to the parent(s) if they do not have the care and custody of their children. Guardians and custodians of minors who are not the child's legal parent shall be required to provide legal documentation of their status. Payments for children in the physical care and custody of CRIT Social Services or other state or tribal agencies shall be held in an account established by CRIT.

The Tribal Distribution Request for Minors form is required for all new distributions to minors or if there are changes from 2018 distributions to minors. The form must be notarized and the list of available CRIT notaries is included with this letter. You can pick up additional copies of the Form at Tribal Offices or make a copy of the one enclosed if you are submitting for more than one minor.

Distributions are only available for 365 days from December 1st, 2019 after which distributions shall be subject to being forfeited. Any request for the 2019 Tribal Member Distribution after 365 days shall require approval by Tribal Council.

You should be aware that this Tribal distribution payment is subject to federal income tax and must be reported when applying for benefits. Under federal law, this is considered income that is subject to federal income tax, including the distributions to minors, which may require you to file a tax return on behalf of your minor children. You must report this payment as income not subject to self-employment tax on your federal income tax return. Your payment is reportable on line 21 of your Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 as "Other Income" and should be described as: "Indian Tribal Distribution." You should consult a Certified Public Accountant or tax adviser if you have any questions about your reporting obligations.

Tribal distribution payments are considered income and the amount must be reported if you apply for tribal, state, or federal services or benefits. This payment may affect your eligibility for certain Federal programs including, but not limited to, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"), General Assistance, Head Start, and Women, Infants and Children ("WIC"). It is your responsibility to check with the administering agency of that Federal program to see what impact this payment may have on eligibility or amounts of assistance. For example, if you are receiving social security benefits, cashing the check may affect your benefit in an equal amount.

Please be advised that if you are in default on a debt you owe to the Colorado River Indian Tribes or its enterprises, your 2019 Tribal Distribution will be applied to the loan or other outstanding debt in default unless you are complying with payment arrangements or the debt is paid in full. You will receive a separate letter identifying that you have a loan in default or other outstanding debt and explaining the tax consequences of the application of

your payment to your debt. If you have any questions about outstanding debts in default please contact Tracey Quillen at (928) 669-1239.

Please also be advised that if you are the subject of a federal writ of garnishment your distribution, or a portion thereof, will be remitted to the federal government in accordance with instructions contained in the garnishment order.

You may contact CRIT Accounting at (928) 669-1303 with any questions regarding the tribal distribution process and forms.

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES
TRIBAL COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Patch", written over the printed name below.

Dennis Patch
Tribal Chairman

CC: CRIT Enrollment
CRIT Accounting
CRIT Tribal Council

