



**MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Tribal Division Directors  
Department Directors  
Program Directors  
Administrative Supervisors

**FROM:** Barbara Ben, Distribution Manager *BB*

**DATE:** 03 March 2023

**RE:** Notice of Tribal Distribution for July 1, 2023

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Attached is the Notice of Tribal Distribution which was approved on February 27, 2023.

This notice will be made available in limited quantities at community facility buildings and the Tribal Office. It will be available online at [www.choctaw.org](http://www.choctaw.org) to view or print. Please make copies as necessary for your employees that do not have access to the internet or tribal email.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

- May 12, 2023 by 4:30p.m. -- Choctaw Tribal Court Clerks Office
- June 5, 2023 by 4:30p.m. -- Distribution Office

### **Contact the Tribal Enrollment Office for the following:**

- New Application for Tribal Distribution for new enrollees only.

### **Contact the Office of Tribal Distribution for the following:**

- Voluntary withholding request (IRS form W-4V)
- Direct Deposit
- 18 years of age or older (Identification with Birthday)
- Change in custody (Final Order of the Court)
- Name change (Copy of marriage license & Social Security card)
- Address Change

**NOTICE  
OF  
DISTRIBUTION**  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

July 1, 2023

Adopted by Resolution CHO 23-049 on February 27, 2023

## IMPORTANT NOTES

1. The Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or “Tribe”) passed a resolution which allows each enrolled member of the MBCI to be eligible to receive a payment of \$600.00 for the **July 2023** distribution. The Tribe will issue a separate payment for each enrolled member, regardless of age.
2. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is not requiring anyone to accept this payment, nor is the Tribe entering into a contract to make the payment or guarantee the payment.
3. It is the intention of the Tribal Council that payments for minor children and dependents be spent on them, or the family as a whole, and that their needs not be neglected.
4. Individuals wishing to have income tax taken out of their payment must fill out a Voluntary Withholding Form (Form W-4V) and return to the Office of Tribal Distribution no later than **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm**. This form is attached.
5. The IRS considers per capita payment distribution or in-kind goods or services received in lieu of a distribution payment to be personal income. Recipients should remember to report these payments on their income tax return (Form 1040) when they file their income taxes for the calendar year in which they receive the payment. A 1099 Tax Form will be issued.
6. These payments may also affect the eligibility of persons and families for certain federal programs, including, but not limited to: food stamps; Supplemental Security income (SSI); General Assistance; Head Start; Women, Infant & Children (WIC); Low-Income Energy; among other programs. It is the recipient’s responsibility to check with the administering agency of that program to see what effect the payment may have on eligibility or amounts of assistance.
7. If a distribution payment is returned or otherwise not claimed, it shall be retained by the issuer for **six (6) months** after the date it was originally mailed. After this date, it shall be turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer for disbursement into the general revenue fund of the Tribe.
8. In order for the Office of Tribal Distribution to authorize the re-issuance of a payment that was lost, stolen, or not received, a notarized affidavit must be completed and returned to the Distribution Manager within 30 calendar days of the distribution date. The affidavit may be picked up from the Office of Tribal Distribution or they may be mailed.

## **DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

### **NEW APPLICANTS**

- Only enrolled members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians are eligible to receive a distribution payment.
- If an eligible non-enrolled member is enrolled in another tribe, a signed disenrollment action must be received by the Tribal Enrollment Office by **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm** for the **July 2023** distribution.
- In order to receive a distribution payment, enrolled members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians must complete the **New (pg.7)** Application for Tribal Distribution and turn in to the Tribal Enrollment Office by **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm** for the **July 2023** distribution.
- The **New (pg.7)** Application for Tribal Distribution must be completed in its entirety. Any incomplete sections may cause a delay in receipt of your distribution payment.
- Addition of new eligible dependent, either through adoption or birth.

### **NEWBORNS**

- Eligibility is restricted to persons being born before **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 12:00am**.
- Parents of newborns have until **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 12:00pm** to submit an Enrollment Application and a **New (pg.7)** Application for Tribal Distribution to the Tribal Enrollment Office.
- Accommodations may be made for the acquisition of birth certificates and Social Security cards after the Tribal Enrollment Office has received the completed Enrollment Application and the **New (pg.7)** Application for Tribal Distribution but cannot exceed 6 months past the date of distribution.

### **CHANGE OF STATUS**

- If an eligible member has previously received a distribution payment, they must complete the **CHANGES (pg.8)** to Tribal Distribution form for any of the following changes in status:
  - Member has now become 18 years of age
  - Change in custody
  - Name change
  - Address change
- The original **CHANGES (pg.8)** to Tribal Distribution form for Tribal Distribution must be received by the Tribal Distribution Office by June 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Copies, faxes or email will be accepted with valid I.D.

### **COURT ORDER**

- Any Order of the Tribal Court restraining the issuance or requiring a payment to re-issue to another party must be received by the Tribal Court Clerk's Office **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm**.
- If the residence of the child(ren) has changed or the per capita payment agreement has changed since the **December 2022** distribution, the individual receiving the payments on behalf of their child or dependent will need to provide a certified copy of the full court order stating such changes to the Tribal Distribution Office by **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm**.

- Custodial court orders must be received by the MBCI Tribal Distribution Office by **June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm** for the July distribution.

#### 18 YEARS OF AGE

- Those enrolled members of the Tribe who reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** must submit a copy of their photo I.D with their birthdate and the **CHANGES (pg.8)** to Tribal Distribution form for Tribal Distribution if they want to pick up their distribution payment without their parent or guardian present.
- Applications must be submitted by **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm** for the **July 2023** Distribution.

#### MILITARY/INSTITUTIONALIZED

- Tribal members serving in the military or otherwise institutionalized outside the reservation have until 4:30pm on **July 1, 2023** to file an Application for Tribal Distribution.

#### VESTING OF RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTION

- An individual's right to distribution shall vest at **12:00am on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** unless an individual is alive at the time distribution vests, he/she and his/her heirs shall not be entitled to the distribution.

#### APPEALS

- In the event that a person wants to appeal not receiving a distribution payment, or if there are eligibility questions, they must submit a letter of appeal to the Tribal Distribution Appeal Panel Chairperson Linda Williams.
- If a claimed child or dependent has lived in a household for more than 90 calendar days and the parent, guardian or custodian does not live in that household, the Tribe reserves the right to issue the check to the child or dependent and to the head of household in which the child now resides. Individuals must submit a letter of appeal to Linda Williams, Chairperson.
- The Tribal Distribution Appeal Panel consists of Linda Williams, Mae Bell, and Gilbert Thompson.

**PAYMENT PROCESS**  
**\*\*THE TRIBE WILL NOT GIVE CHECKS TO 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTIES\*\***

Direct Deposit

- Individuals wanting to use direct deposit must use the Direct Deposit Authorization Form, which is attached. The original form must be completed, notarized and sent to the Office of Tribal Distribution. You must make a copy if you would like to keep it for your records.
- This form must be filled out completely, notarized and returned to the Office of Tribal Distribution, c/o Distribution Manager by **June 5th, 2023 at 4:30pm** for the **July 2023** distribution.
- Eligible members may use the same form to have their dependent's or minor children's check put into the same account, granted that they are listed as account holder with the applicant and the necessary documents are provided prior to authorization.

DEPENDANTS

- For the dependants the payment will be made payable to both the minor and parent/guardian.

MINORS

- Individuals under 18 years of age with children are nevertheless still minors for the purposes of this distribution and payments will be made payable to both the minor and the parent/guardian.

SOCIAL SERVICES

- For children in foster care, their payment will be issued to Children & Family Services for the benefit of the child.
- Payments shall be re-issued by Children & Family Services in a timely manner to the appropriate parent or guardian.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Voluntary Withholding Request**  
 (For unemployment compensation and certain Federal Government and other payments.)  
 ▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW4V](http://www.irs.gov/FormW4V) for the latest information.

**Instructions**

**Purpose of Form**

If you receive any government payment shown below, you may use Form W-4V to ask the payer to withhold federal income tax.

- Unemployment compensation (including Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) payments).
- Social security benefits.
- Social security equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits.
- Commodity Credit Corporation loans.
- Certain crop disaster payments under the Agricultural Act of 1949 or under Title II of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988.
- Dividends and other distributions from Alaska Native Corporations to its shareholders.

Consult your payer if you're uncertain whether your payment is eligible for voluntary withholding.

You aren't required to have federal income tax withheld from these payments. Your request is voluntary.

**Note.** Payers may develop their own form for you to request federal income tax withholding. If a payer gives you its own form instead of Form W-4V, use that form.

**Why Should I Request Withholding?**

You may find that having federal income tax withheld from the listed payments is more convenient than making quarterly estimated tax payments. However, if you have other income that isn't subject to withholding, consider making estimated tax payments. For more details, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

**How Much Can I Have Withheld?**

For unemployment compensation, the payer is permitted to withhold 10% from each payment. No other percentage or amount is allowed.

For any other government payment listed above, you may choose to have the payer withhold federal income tax of 7%, 10%, 12%, or 22% from each payment, but no other percentage or amount.

**What Do I Need To Do?**

Complete lines 1 through 4; check one box on line 5, 6, or 7; sign Form W-4V; and give it to the payer, not to the IRS.

**Note.** For withholding on social security benefits, give or send the completed Form W-4V to your local Social Security Administration office.

**Line 3.** If your address is outside the United States or the U.S. possessions, enter on line 3 the city, province or state, and name of the country. Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. Don't abbreviate the country name.

**Line 4.** Enter the claim or identification number you use with your payer. For withholding from social security benefits, the claim number is the social security number under which a claim is filed or benefits are paid (for example, 123-45-6789A or 123-45-6789B6). The letter or letter/number combination suffix that follows the claim number identifies the type of benefit (for example, a wage earner, a spouse, or a widow(er)). The claim number may or may not be your own social security number. If you are unsure about what number to use, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (toll-free). For other government payments, consult your payer for the correct claim or identification number format.

**Line 5.** If you want federal income tax withheld from your unemployment compensation, check the box on line 5. The payer will withhold 10% from each payment.

**Line 6.** If you receive any of the payments listed on line 6, check the box to indicate the percentage (7%, 10%, 12%, or 22%) you want withheld from each payment.

**Line 7.** See *How Do I Stop Withholding?* below.

**Sign this form.** Form W-4V is not considered valid unless you sign it.

**When Will My Withholding Start?**

Ask your payer exactly when income tax withholding will begin. The federal income tax withholding you choose on this form will remain in effect until you change or stop it or the payments stop.

**How Do I Change Withholding?**

If you are getting a payment other than unemployment compensation and want to change your withholding rate, complete a new Form W-4V. Give the new form to the payer.

**How Do I Stop Withholding?**

If you want to stop withholding, complete a new Form W-4V. After completing lines 1 through 4, check the box on line 7, and sign and date the form; then give the new form to the payer.

Separate here

**Voluntary Withholding Request**  
 (For unemployment compensation and certain Federal Government and other payments.)  
 ▶ Give this form to your payer. Do not send it to the IRS.

OMB No. 1545-0074

1 Your first name and middle initial	Last name	2 Your social security number
3 Home address (number and street or rural route)	City or town	State ZIP code
4 Claim or identification number (if any) you use with your payer		
5 <input type="checkbox"/> I want federal income tax withheld from my unemployment compensation at a rate of 10% of each payment.		
6 I want federal income tax withheld from (a) my social security benefits, (b) my social security equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, (c) my Commodity Credit Corporation loans, (d) certain crop disaster payments under the Agricultural Act of 1949 or under Title II of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988, or (e) dividends and other distributions from Alaska Native Corporations to its shareholders, at the rate of (check one):		
7% <input type="checkbox"/>	10% <input type="checkbox"/>	12% <input type="checkbox"/> 22% <input type="checkbox"/>
7 <input type="checkbox"/> I want you to stop withholding federal income tax from my payment(s).		

Your signature ▶

Date ▶



## New Application for Tribal Distribution

This form should be completed by the Head of household OR whose name will appear with the under 18 years old name on the check.

Head of Household (Applicant, if over the age of 18):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Choctaw Roll Number \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone-Work \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone-Home \_\_\_\_\_

Community (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Head of Household a tribal member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list only the child or children that are pending for enrollment or who has been enrolled with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and did not receive the December 2022 Tribal Distribution of Funds.

Full Name	Choctaw Roll Number	Soc. Sec. Number	Date of Birth	Parent or Guardian	Relation to Head
1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Signature of Head of Household                      Date

This form may be returned in person to the Tribal Enrollment Office at the Tribal Office Building or by mail to:

Application for Tribal Funds  
P.O. Box 6365  
Choctaw, MS 39350

New applicants (enrolled members who have not made prior application) living on or near the Choctaw Reservation (in counties with reservation lands) must complete this application and return the Application by **4:30pm, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, to receive a check on **July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**.

The deadline for newborns to return the completed application is **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 noon. POSTMARKED BY July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**



# DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Staple VOIDED check here

### Use this form to

- Establish New Direct Deposit Authorization at a Bank or Credit Union
- Change Financial Institution and/or Account Type or Number

### Mail the ORIGINAL form to:

Distribution Manager  
Office of Tribal  
Distribution  
P.O. Box 6090  
Choctaw, MS 39350

### Instructions:

1. Complete all information listed below including name and account number at financial institution and whether deposit to a checking or savings account is requested
2. For checking account-attach a voided personal check or letter from your financial institution on their letterhead which includes their routing number and your account number.
3. Savings account-attach a statement from your financial institution or letter from your financial institution on their letterhead which includes their routing number and your account number.
4. Sign this form, notarize it and return to the Office of Tribal Distribution.

### Important Reminders:

1. Distribution funds are credited to your account on the day of distribution, as approved by the Tribal Council.
2. Failure to notify the Office of Tribal Distribution in a timely manner of changed or closed accounts may substantially delay the receipt of payments if an attempt is made to deposit funds into a closed account.

Checking account: a voided check or letter from your financial institution on their letterhead which includes their routing number and your account number is required to process this authorization.

Savings account: attach a statement from your financial institution or letter from your financial institution on their letterhead which includes their routing number and your account number is required to process this authorization



