

How to get an IP PIN

Before you begin

- **Make sure you have already followed the steps for ID.me if you haven't already verified your identity.**
- The fastest way to receive an IP PIN is to request one through your [Online Account, under your "Profile" page](#). If you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity.
- Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity verification process.
- Once you have opted in and obtained an IP PIN online, you will need to retrieve your IP PIN online each calendar year as a CP01A Notice will not be mailed.

Important Notes:

- Each IP PIN is valid for one year. A new IP PIN is issued annually.
- Your current IP PIN must be used when filing taxes to avoid issues.
- You must use your IP PIN when filing certain federal tax forms (Forms 1040, 1040-NR, 1040-PR, 1040-SR, and 1040-SS), for both electronic and paper returns.
- Using an IP PIN helps protect against tax-related identity theft.
- Do not share your IP PIN with anyone except your tax preparer (ONLY provide your PIN via our secure portal NOT via email). The IRS will never request your IP PIN by phone, email, or text.

You will need:

- An **SSN or ITIN** is needed to get an IP PIN.
- If you can't get an IP PIN online, you can use Form 15227 (if eligible) or visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center.
- The IP PIN is generally available in your online account starting in mid-January through mid-November. Select the button to get started.

Setting up an IP PIN online

Step 1: Access the IRS Online Account

Go to the official IRS website (IRS.gov) and sign in to your online account.

***Step 2: STOP! Make sure you have verified your identity** (refer to our ID.me Step by Step Guide)

If you don't already have an IRS online account, you'll need to create one and go through the secure access identity verification process.

[Go to the ID.me Step by Step Guide, if you haven't verified your identity.](#)



Sign In or Create a New Account

You only need one ID.me account

If you already have an account, don't create a new one. You can use the same ID.me account to sign in to different IRS online services.

The IRS offers a sign-in option with ID.me, which offers access to IRS online services with a secure account that protects your privacy.

ID.me is an account created, maintained, and secured by a technology provider.

If you don't have an ID.me account, you must create a new account.

Sign in with an existing account

Sign in with **ID.me**

OR

Create a new account

ID.me Create an account

Enter your username and password.

Click 'Continue' to receive a security code on your phone.



Create an ID.me account

Multiple ID.me accounts are not allowed.
[If you have an ID.me account, use it to sign in.](#)

Need to use ID.me for work?
[Follow these steps.](#)

* Indicates a required field

Email *

Enter your personal email address

Password *

Enter password



Confirm Password *

Reenter password



COMPLETE YOUR SIGN IN

1 — 2 — 3

You are already signed in.

Receive a code by phone



Text me



Call me

You will receive a code at the following number

(***)-***-951

Have you lost access to all your MFA methods?
Please begin the [MFA recovery process](#).

Continue

Use the security code sent to your phone to secure your account. You will receive a text message on your phone.



COMPLETE YOUR SIGN IN

1 — 2 — 3

Enter the code we sent to (***) ***.*951

Enter the 6-digit code *

Didn't receive it? [Resend my verification code](#)

Have you lost access to all your MFA methods?
Please begin the [MFA recovery process](#).

Continue

Click 'Continue'.

Step 3: Navigate to the IP PIN Section

Once logged in and verified, go to your profile page or look for a section related to Identity Protection PINs. You may need to click on a button or link to enroll in the IP PIN program.

The screenshot shows the IRS 'Profile' page. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Personal information' (selected), 'Banking information', 'Communication preferences', and 'Identity Protection PIN' (circled in red). The main content area is titled 'Personal information' and includes sections for 'Full name' and 'Email address'. The 'Full name' section has a redacted field, and the 'Email address' section also has a redacted field. Navigation links at the top include 'Account Home', 'Account Balance', 'Payments', 'Records and Status', and 'Notices and Letters'.

Profile

Personal information

View your personal information and how you make changes if needed.

Full name

Name changes must be made through the Social Security Administration. For more information, see [name changes](#)

Email address

To change your email address, password, and other account details, [update your sign-in settings](#)

Step 4: Enroll in the IP PIN Program

Banking information

Communication preferences

Identity Protection PIN

i You are eligible to enroll into the IP PIN Program.

An Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) is a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS. It helps us verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account.

Important information about IP PINs

- An IP PIN is valid for one calendar year.
- New IP PINs are generated each year and can be retrieved or viewed by signing back into your online account starting in early January.
- IP PIN must be used when filing any federal tax returns during the year including prior year returns.
- [FAQs about the Identity Protection Personal Identification Number \(IP PIN\)](#)

Enroll in IP PIN

Select your preferred enrollment option:

- One-time enrollment: You'll receive an IP PIN for the current year only.
- **Continuous enrollment: You'll receive a new IP PIN every year.**

Payments ▾ Records and Status ▾ Notices and Letters Forms Authorizations ▾

Confirm your enrollment in the IP PIN Program.

The IP PIN must be used when filing any federal tax returns during the current year (2025), including prior year returns.

(Example: It must be used if filing for tax year 2024, 2023, and 2022)

Continuous enrollment offers long-term protection against tax-related identity theft.

☒ Opt-in to the IP PIN Program and stay enrolled for future years.

☐ Opt-in to the IP PIN Program for the current year only.

Cancel **Enroll now**

Important information about IP PINs

Step 5: Confirm Your Enrollment

You may be asked to confirm your selection.

Step 6: Retrieve Your IP PIN

Your IP PIN will then be displayed on your profile page.

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Your IP PIN has been successfully created

Select 'Print' at the bottom of this page to save or print a copy of your IP PIN and secure it along with your tax records.


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Your assigned IP PIN is



You have opted in to the IP PIN Program.

- This IP PIN must be used when filing any federal tax returns during the current year (2025), including prior year returns.
(Example: It must be used if filing for tax year 2024, 2023, and 2022)
- Do not reveal your IP PIN to anyone other than your tax preparer.
- New IP PINs are generated each year and can be retrieved or viewed by signing back into your online account starting in early January.
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Alternatives to online enrollment

If you want an IP PIN but can't successfully establish an online account, there are alternatives. Please note using an alternative method to the online account takes longer for an IP PIN to be assigned to you.

- **Filing an application for an IP PIN**

If your adjusted gross income on your last filed return is below \$84,000 for Individuals or \$168,000 for married filing joint and you can't establish an online account, you have the option to use [Form 15227, Application for an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number PDF](#). You must have:

- A valid Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number.
- An adjusted gross income on your last filed return is below \$84,000 for Individuals or \$168,000 for married filing joint.
- Access to a telephone

We will use the telephone number provided on the Form 15227 to call you and validate your identity. Once we verify your identity, you will receive your IP PIN via the U.S. Postal Service usually within four to six weeks. You will then receive your IP PIN annually through the mail.

- **Requesting in-person authentication for an IP PIN**

If you're unable to verify your identity online or with the Form 15227 process or you are ineligible to file Form 15227, you may [make an appointment](#) for an in-person meeting at a local Taxpayer Assistance Center. Please bring one current government-issued picture identification document and another identification document to prove your identity. Once we verify your identity, you will receive your IP PIN via the U.S. Postal Service usually within three weeks. You will then receive your IP PIN annually through the mail.