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Get An Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

Welcome to the Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) page.

What's an IP PIN?

An IP PIN is a six-digit number assigned to eligible taxpayers that helps prevent the misuse of your Social Security number on fraudulent federal income tax returns. You can't use an IP PIN as your e-file signature PIN.

Important: You currently can't opt out once you get an IP PIN. You must use an IP PIN to confirm your identity on all federal tax returns you file this year and in subsequent tax years. If you e-file your return and your IP PIN is missing or incorrect, our system will reject your return. Filing a paper return with a missing or incorrect IP PIN delays its processing. This is for your protection so we can determine it's your return.

Getting Your IP PIN

To get your IP PIN, you must verify your identity online. You'll need to have immediate access to your email account to receive a confirmation code. If you are eligible as determined below, you'll receive your IP PIN online once we verify your identity. We'll send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail.

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Determine your eligibility...

You **must** get an IP PIN to file your current or prior year returns in 2015 if:

- You received a CP01A Notice with your new IP PIN and you lost it, or
- You had an IP PIN in a prior tax year and you didn't receive a new one this year, or
- Your e-filed return rejected because your IP PIN was missing or incorrect

You **may** choose to get an IP PIN if:

- You filed your federal tax return last year with an address in Florida, Georgia or the District of Columbia, or
- You received a letter or CP01F Notice inviting you to get an IP PIN.

Note: Users who choose to get an IP PIN must do so using this online IP PIN system.

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Gather your information...

- Social Security number (SSN),
- Date of Birth,
- Email address,
- Filing status, and
- Mailing address from your most recently filed tax return

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Get your IP PIN!

To get an IP PIN, you must:

- Have access to your email account to confirm your email address, and
- Answer personal, financial, and tax related questions to confirm your identity

Get an IP PIN ›

Note: If you previously registered for an IP PIN, Get Transcript or an Online Payment Agreement, you should log in with the same user ID and password.

Retrieving Your IP PIN

If you lost your IP PIN or you did not receive a new one, you can retrieve it by following the 3 steps above for "Getting Your IP PIN." You'll receive your most current IP PIN after we verify your identity.

If you are unable to retrieve your IP PIN or use this Get an IP PIN online tool, you may call our Identity Theft Specialized Unit to obtain a replacement IP PIN. You must verify your identity and a replacement IP PIN will be issued to you. However, please know that the use of a replacement IP PIN will subject your tax return to greater review and may mean a delay in processing your refund. Visit Retrieve Your Lost or Misplaced IP PIN for details.

Additional Information

Visit FAQs about the IP PIN for more information. Visit our Identity Protection page if you don't meet any of the IP PIN eligibility requirements in Step 1 above and you believe you're a victim of identity theft.

Credit Security Freeze with Equifax

If you have placed a credit security freeze with Equifax, you must contact Equifax to have the freeze temporarily removed. This will allow you to continue to register or use guest access. Once you have your IP PIN or are no longer attempting to register, you may contact Equifax to resume the freeze unless you have it scheduled to resume automatically.

User Profile Management

If you created a user profile when you got an IP PIN previously, you can go to Update Security Profile to view or update your profile information, retrieve your user ID/password, or complete other actions.

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