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IRS Identity Protection (IP) PIN Opt-In Guide



What is an IRS IP PIN?

The IP PIN is a six-digit code assigned to eligible taxpayers by the IRS. It adds a layer of security to the tax filing process and helps the IRS verify the taxpayer's identity when returns are submitted. Starting in 2021, the IRS opened the IP PIN request process to all interested taxpayers (previously only available to victims of confirmed identity theft).

Once a taxpayer requests an IP PIN, they must log in and retrieve their new, unique number each calendar year.



IP PIN: What You Need to Know

Before you apply for an IP PIN, keep the following factors in mind:

- IP PINs are voluntary, not required, for taxpayers.
- Taxpayers must open an IRS Secure Account and complete the thorough ID verification process before applying for an IP PIN.
- An IP PIN is only valid for a calendar year. A new IP PIN must be obtained for each filling season using these steps.
- IP PINs must be entered on the tax return, so make sure to provide it to your RKL advisor along with other tax filing information.



How to Request an IP PIN

Go to [IRS.gov/IPPIN](https://www.irs.gov/ippin) and click **Get an IP PIN**

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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. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS and helps us verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return.

Eligibility

If you are a confirmed victim of identity theft and we have resolved your tax account issues, we'll mail you a [CP01A Notice](#) with your IP PIN each year.

Starting in 2021, you may voluntarily opt into the IP PIN program as a proactive way to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft.

If you want to opt in, please note:

- You must pass a rigorous identity verification process.
- Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity proofing process.

How to get an IP PIN

If you're a confirmed identity theft victim, we will mail you an IP PIN on a CP01A Notice if your case is resolved prior to the start of the next filing season.

If you're volunteering for the IP PIN Opt-In Program you should use the online Get an IP PIN tool. If you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity. Before you register, read about the [secure access](#) identity authentication process. Note:


- An IP PIN is valid for one calendar year.
- You must obtain a new IP PIN each year.
- The IP PIN tool is generally unavailable mid-November through mid-January each year.

Get an IP PIN



Log in to your IRS Secure Account

Enter Username and click **Log In**



Sign Up

Don't have an account? Create one now.

CREATE ACCOUNT >

Log In

Already have a username? Welcome back!

Username

LOG IN >

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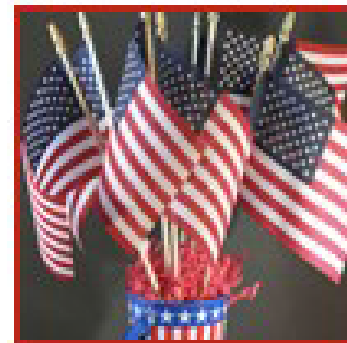
Log in to your IRS Secure Account

If site image and phrase are correct, enter password and click **Submit**

Log In

Verify that your Site Image and Site Phrase below are correct. If the Site Image and Site Phrase are not correct, please do not proceed.

Your Site Image:



Your Site Phrase:

a unique site phrase

Password

[Forgot Password](#)

CANCEL

SUBMIT >



Identity Verification: Security Code



We sent a security code to your phone

We sent a text message to your phone (ending in 1234). Please enter the code below.

6-digit security code

[Resend Security Code](#)

[No longer have access to this phone?](#)

CONTINUE >

[If you can't get a text message right now, you can get a security code via phone call.](#)

[Logout](#)



Confirm IP PIN Request

Click **Continue** button to proceed



[Sign Out](#)

Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

Thank you for your interest in the online IRS Identity Protection PIN application.

Obtaining your IP PIN online is more secure, and convenient, than having a paper notice mailed to your address of record.

If you choose to utilize this service, you can obtain your IP PIN online anytime you wish. The IP PIN application is available 24 hours a day from early January until mid-November.

If you would like to participate, please select "Continue" below.

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Receiving your IP PIN

You will see your
unique six-digit code
in the green bar.

Click **Print** and
secure it with other
tax records.

Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

Congratulations, your 2021 Identity Protection PIN is: XXXXXX

What You Need To Do

Print this page and secure it along with your tax records.

Enter your IP PIN on your Federal tax return as indicated below:

- If you file electronically, your tax software or practitioner will tell you where to enter your IP PIN for you, your spouse, and/or dependents if applicable.
- If filing a paper return, enter your IP PIN(s) as applicable in the boxes marked "Identity Protection PIN" in signature area of the return.

What To Remember About Your IP PIN

- You must use the IP PIN on all federal income tax returns 1040 and 1040 PR/SS and any delinquent returns filed during the current calendar year.
- Don't reveal your IP PIN to anyone other than your tax preparer.
- You can't use your IRS IP PIN on a state income tax return.
- New IP PINs are generated each year and can be retrieved from the IP PIN application in early January each year. You will not receive an IP PIN notice.

Additional Information About Your IP PIN

For common questions about the IP PIN, please visit the [IP PIN FAQ](#) page on [IRS.gov](#).

PRINT

SIGN OUT



IP PIN Best Practices/Reminders

- Once you reach the screen on the previous slide, your request is complete.
- Print and secure the confirmation page with your tax records and other financial data.
- You WILL NOT receive any other confirmation from the IRS (no email or U.S. Mail confirmation).
- To access your IP PIN for 2023 (for use in filing 2022 tax returns), log in to [IRS.gov/IPPIN](https://irs.gov/ippin). You can return to the IP PIN tool at any time to access the IP PIN information. The number will not change for the entire calendar year.
- Only provide this IP PIN to your RKL tax advisor with your 2022 tax filing information.
- Remember, your IP PIN is only good for this calendar year. You will have to log in and retrieve a new one each year.



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Have questions?

Contact your RKL advisor.