

GETTING AN
IDENTITY PROTECTION PIN



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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 the IRS 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.

If you are a confirmed victim of tax-related identity theft and the IRS has resolved your tax account issues, they'll mail you a **CP01A Notice** with your new IP PIN each year.

If you don't already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft.

If you want to request an IP PIN, please note:

- 1 | You must pass an identity verification process.
- 2 | Spouses & dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity verification process.



How to get an IP PIN

The fastest way to receive an IP PIN is by using the online Get an IP PIN tool. If you wish to get an IP PIN and you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity. The IP PIN tool is generally available starting in mid-January through mid-November. Select the button to get started.

Important Information about IP PINs

- 1 | An IP PIN is valid for one calendar year.
- 2 | A new IP PIN is generated each year for your account.
- 3 | Logging back into the Get an IP PIN tool, will display your current IP PIN.
- 4 | An IP PIN must be used when filing any federal tax returns during the year including prior year returns.



Using an IP PIN to File

Provide the six-digit IP PIN to us when we prepare your tax return. The IP PIN is used only on Forms 1040, 1040-NR, 1040-PR, 1040-SR, and 1040-SS.



Correct IP PINs must be entered on electronic and paper tax returns to avoid rejections and delays.

An incorrect or missing IP PIN will result in the rejection of your e-filed return or a delay of your paper return until it can be verified.

Don't reveal your IP PIN to anyone except our team when completing the preparation of your tax return. **The IRS will never ask for your IP PIN. Phone calls, emails or texts asking for your IP PIN are scams.**

Lost IP PINs

Please reference the IRS website for further details on this. Additionally, do not file Form 15227 to apply for a new IP PIN.

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