



Requesting an IP Pin for Dependents

To request an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) for a dependent, follow these steps:

1. Understand Dependent Eligibility

- The dependent must meet one of the following:
- Be a victim of identity theft, or
- Be included in your voluntary opt-in to the IRS IP PIN program.
- Dependents must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

2. Gather Required Information

- Dependent's full name, SSN or ITIN, and date of birth.
- Your (parent/guardian's) valid government-issued photo ID:
- Driver's license
- State ID
- Passport
- Documentation proving the dependent's relationship to you (if requested):
- Birth certificate
- Court documents (for legal guardianship).

3. Use the Paper Method

- Dependents cannot receive an IP PIN using the online Get an IP PIN tool. You must use the paper application method.

Complete Form 15227:

- Download Form 15227 (Application for an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number) from the IRS website.
- Fill out the form with your dependent's information:
- Include their SSN or ITIN and personal details.
- Include your own contact information for IRS correspondence.

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4. Submit Form 15227

- Mail or fax the completed form to the appropriate IRS address or fax number listed in the instructions for Form 15227.
- Be prepared to wait a few weeks for processing.

5. Verification Appointment (If Required)

- The IRS may contact you to verify your identity and your dependent's identity.
- If requested, schedule an in-person appointment at a Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC). Bring:
 - Your government-issued photo ID.
 - Documents proving your relationship to the dependent (e.g., birth certificate, court documents).

6. Receive the Dependent's IP PIN

- Once processed, the IRS will send the dependent's IP PIN by mail.
- Important: The dependent's IP PIN will be issued annually and must be used on their federal tax return if applicable.

7. Safeguard the Dependent's IP PIN

- Keep the dependent's IP PIN secure.
- The IRS will send a new IP PIN for the dependent each year by mail, or you may need to reapply if necessary.

If you encounter issues or need further assistance, contact the IRS Identity Protection Assistance line at 800-908-4490.