



## Protect Your Tax Info!

Tax identity theft is a growing concern, but you can protect your tax return by using an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN). This six-digit number helps prevent fraudsters from filing a tax return in your name.

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### Benefits of Using an IP PIN

- ☒ Prevents Tax Fraud: Only you and the IRS know your IP PIN, making it harder for scammers to file a return using your Social Security Number (SSN).
- ☒ Adds an Extra Layer of Security: Even if someone steals your personal information, they can't file a return without your IP PIN.
- ☒ Required for E-Filing: If you have an IP PIN, you must use it when electronically filing your tax return.
- ☒ Prevents Delays & Hassles: Avoid the stress of dealing with fraudulent returns and IRS investigations.

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### How to Apply for an IP PIN

#### Step 1: Create or Log Into Your IRS Account

- Go to the IRS Get an IP PIN page.
- Click "Get an IP PIN" and log in with your [ID.me](https://www.irs.gov/identity) account (or create one).

#### Step 2: Verify Your Identity

- You'll need:
  - ☐ Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
  - ☐ A valid phone number or email for verification
  - ☐ A photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, or State ID)

#### Step 3: Receive Your IP PIN

- Once verified, the IRS will immediately issue your six-digit IP PIN for the current tax year.

#### Step 4: Use Your IP PIN on Your Tax Return

- Enter your IP PIN when filing your tax return to ensure the IRS accepts it.
- A new IP PIN is generated each year, so remember to retrieve it before filing.



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## Can't Get Your IP PIN Online?

### Alternative Options:

- 1** By Mail: If you can't register online, file Form 15227 to request an IP PIN via mail (available for those with an AGI of \$73,000 or less).
- 2** In-Person Appointment: Visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center for identity verification.

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## Important Notes

 **Never Share Your IP PIN** – Only enter it on your tax return. The IRS will never ask for it via phone, email, or text.

 **You Must Renew It Annually** – A new IP PIN is issued every January, so check your IRS account before tax season.

For more details or to apply, visit the [IRS IP PIN page](#).