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IRS Identity Protection PIN

An identity protection personal identification number (IP PIN) is a six-digit number set up through the IRS to provide an extra level of protection against someone fraudulently filing a return using your Social Security Number (SSN) or individual tax payer identification number (ITIN). Your IP PIN will be used to verify your identity when filing your tax return each year. The number is only valid for one calendar year and you will be issued a new IP PIN each year through your IRS **ID.me** account. Even if you are not required to file a return, it is helpful to have an IP PIN established so you are still protected against filing fraud.

Eligibility:

If you have a SSN or ITIN and you are able to verify your identity, you are eligible to enroll for an IP PIN. Eligible tax payers are also able to request an IP PIN for their dependents as their legal guardian.

Ways to enroll:

Through your **ID.me** account:

1. You can request an IP PIN through your **ID.me** online account. There is an IP PIN section of your profile page where you submit your request.
 - a. **ID.me** is a separate account from your IRS account. Your IRS account is where you can manage your tax information, make payments and access transcripts. **ID.me** is used by the IRS as a separate third-party identity verification service to verify your identity as a tax payer.
 - b. If you do not already have an **ID.me** account, you will want to register for an account and verify your identity.
 - c. Click the link to create or sign in to your account: [IRS + ID.me](#)
 - d. You are required to verify your identity when creating an **ID.me** account and there are two ways to do this:
 - i. Self-service process that will require a photo of your government ID and a [selfie] photo of you; or
 - ii. A live video call with an **ID.me** chat agent [this option does not require bio-metric data]

Submit Form 15227 on the IRS website:

1. If you are not eligible for an **ID.me** account, you can submit Form 15227 [Application for an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number] online and the IRS will provide your IP PIN. **You will need to provide a valid phone number in order to verify your identity.**
 - a. Click the link for Form 15227 through IRS.gov: [Submit Form 15227 Application for IP PIN](#)