

## IRS Identity Protection PIN

**Problem:** How Can I Protect My Identity From Fraudulent Tax Return Filings?

**Solution:** Get an IRS Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) Today!

### How to Get an IRS Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

1. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin> or search "Create IRS PIN number".
2. Scroll down and click "Get an IP PIN".
3. Click "Sign in to your account". If you don't have one, click "Create an account with ID.me".
4. Enter an email and create a password. Click "Create account".
5. Scroll down and click "Continue".
6. Check your email and click "Confirm your email".
7. You can now close the confirmation tab and return to the original browser tab.
8. Choose a multi-factor authentication method (text or call), enter your phone number, and click "Continue".
9. Enter the code sent to your phone and click "Continue". On the next screen, click "Continue" again.
10. Choose "Self-Service" for identity verification, check the box confirming your info, and click "Continue".
11. Select "Take a photo" and click "Continue".
12. Using the link sent to your phone, submit:
  - A photo of your government-issued ID (driver's license, passport, or state ID)
  - A selfie for facial verification
13. Once verification is complete, return to your computer and enter your Social Security number. Click "Continue".
14. Review your personal information. If accurate, check the box, click "Yes" and then "Allow" to share your ID.me data with the IRS

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15. On your phone, check your email and click "Continue" in the email from ID.me (if prompted).
16. Return to <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>
17. Click "Get an IP PIN" again, then click "Continue".
18. Your 6-digit IP PIN for the current tax year will appear at the top of the page in green:
  - a. "Congratulations, your Identity Protection PIN is: XXXXXX"
  - b. Taxpayers generally need their annual IP PIN when filing a federal tax return and may need to provide it to their authorized tax preparer.

**Note: The IRS issues a new IP PIN each calendar year. Taxpayers should review current IRS guidance regarding how to access their annual IP PIN.**

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