



IP PIN: How to Get One or How to Retrieve a Lost PIN

What is an IP PIN and How to Get One

At HHB, we are committed to keeping you informed about crucial updates that can impact your financial well-being such as an essential security measure provided by the IRS – [the Identity Protection PIN \(IP PIN\)](#).

What is an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)?

The Identity Protection PIN is a six-digit number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to eligible taxpayers. This unique PIN adds an extra layer of security to your tax return by helping prevent fraudulent activities, such as the filing of false tax returns using your personal information. You are given a new IP PIN each year.

Why is an IP PIN important?

With the increasing frequency of identity theft and tax-related fraud, safeguarding your financial information has never been more critical. The IP PIN is a proactive measure to ensure that only you, or someone authorized by you, can file a tax return using your Social Security Number (SSN).

How can you get an IP PIN?

1. **Visit the IRS Website:** Go to the IRS's special Identity Protection PIN page at the [Get an IP PIN](#) link on the IRS Website.
2. **Create an Account or Log In:** If you don't already have an account, you will need to create one. If you do, simply log in.
3. **Verify Your Identity:** The IRS will ask you to verify your identity by providing specific personal information. This may include information from your most recent tax return.
4. **Request an IP PIN:** Once your identity is verified, you can request an IP PIN for the upcoming tax season.

Who is eligible for an IP PIN?

As of now, the IRS has expanded the IP PIN Opt-In Program to all taxpayers who can verify their identities. Previously, the program was available only to victims of identity theft. You can review the identity verification requirements [here](#).

Your financial security is our top priority, and we encourage you to take advantage of the Identity Protection PIN offered by the IRS. If you have any questions or need assistance in this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Retrieving a Lost IP PIN: A Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1: Access the IRS "Get an IP PIN" Tool

1. **Visit the IRS Website:** Navigate to the IRS's dedicated "[Get an IP PIN](#)" tool.
2. **Login or Create an Account:** If you have an existing account, log in. If not, create a new account by providing the required information.

Step 2: Verify Your Identity

1. **Answer Security Questions:** The IRS will prompt you to answer a series of security questions. These questions are designed to verify your identity. Be prepared to provide information from your most recent tax return.
2. **Submit Identity Verification:** Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the identity verification process.

Step 3: Request a Duplicate IP PIN

1. **Navigate to "Get an IP PIN":** Once your identity is successfully verified, go to the "Get an IP PIN" section.
2. **Request Duplicate IP PIN:** Select the option to request a duplicate IP PIN. The IRS will issue a new six-digit number for use in the upcoming tax season.

Step 4: Additional Verification Measures

1. **Wait for the IRS to Process Your Request:** The IRS will process your request for a duplicate IP PIN. This may take some time.
2. **Check Your Mail:** The IRS will send the new IP PIN via postal mail to the address on file. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the official correspondence.

Tips for a Smooth Process:

- **Verify Contact Information:** Ensure that your address on file with the IRS is up-to-date to receive the new IP PIN promptly.
- **Be Patient:** Processing times may vary. Allow sufficient time for the IRS to complete the verification and send the duplicate IP PIN.



If you're unable to retrieve your IP PIN online, you may call the IRS at [800-908-4490](tel:800-908-4490) for specialized assistance, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Warm regards,

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