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IP PIN

How-To

Protect yourself and your children from tax identity theft with a free IRS PIN.

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Protect your refund

How to Get an IRS IP PIN

An Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) is a free 6-digit number from the IRS. Once you have one, a return filed with your Social Security number is rejected unless it includes your current PIN. That stops thieves from filing in your name or claiming your children.

THE BASICS

What to know first

- ☐ Anyone with an SSN or ITIN who can verify their identity can get one
- ☐ A new PIN is issued every year. Last year's PIN will not work
- ☐ Use the current PIN on every federal return filed that calendar year
- ☐ If you or a dependent has a PIN and it is missing or wrong, the e-filed return is rejected
- ☐ Once you opt in, plan to use one every year
- ☐ The IRS will never ask for your IP PIN by phone, email, text, or social media

FOR YOURSELF

Three ways to get your IP PIN

Method	Who it's for	How long it takes
1. IRS Online Account irs.gov/ippin	Anyone who can verify identity online through ID.me	Immediately after identity is verified
2. Form 15227	If you can't verify online and your last AGI was under \$84,000 (\$168,000 joint). The IRS calls you to verify.	Mailed, usually within 4 to 6 weeks
3. In person Call 844-545-5640	Anyone who can't use the first two options. Bring photo ID and a second ID document.	Mailed after your appointment

FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Getting an IP PIN for a dependent

- ☐ Dependents 18 or older can sign up for their own online account and request one
- ☐ For a dependent under 18, a parent or guardian can submit Form 15227 (income limits apply)
- ☐ Or book a Taxpayer Assistance Center appointment. Bring your own ID plus two documents for the child, such as a birth certificate
- ☐ Each dependent gets their own PIN. Give K&K the PIN for every dependent who has one

Great for shared custody

If another person has claimed or might try to claim your child, an IP PIN for the child helps stop their return from being accepted with your child's SSN.

EVERY JANUARY

Finding this year's PIN

- ☐ Watch your mail for notice CP01A with your new PIN (usually mid-December through January)
- ☐ Or log in to your IRS Online Account to view it
- ☐ Lost it? Retrieve it online or call 800-908-4490. Do not file a new Form 15227
- ☐ Enter each PIN in your K&K intake before we file

Ready to file with K&K?

Start your secure intake at kktaxservicesllc.com, or call (313) 751-3358. Every return is reviewed by our compliance team before it is filed.

General information for the 2026 tax year (returns filed in 2027), based on IRS guidance available as of September 2026. It is not individual tax advice. Rules and amounts can change, so talk with your K&K preparer about your situation.