

# How to create a *my* Social Security account



Securing today  
and tomorrow

To create an account, you must:



Be at least 18  
years of age



Have a Social  
Security number



Have a valid U.S.  
mailing address



Have an email  
address

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Visit [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount),  
select the “Create an Account” button.

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Create a credential with one of our two credential partners,  
Login.gov or ID.me. If you have a Login.gov or ID.me account,  
you can select the appropriate button to access your personal  
*my* Social Security account.

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If you don't have a Login.gov or ID.me account, select the  
“Create an Account” link to create a Login.gov credential to  
access your personal *my* Social Security account.

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If you create a new Login.gov credential, you will still need to  
provide us some personal information to verify your identity. You  
will also receive an activation code to complete the process.

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Read and agree to the *my* Social Security  
Terms of Service prior to accessing your account.

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Now that you have successfully created your personal  
*my* Social Security account, choose email or text under Message  
Center Preferences to receive courtesy notifications for notices  
and messages from us.

**Note:** If you have previously verified your identity with our credential partners Login.gov or ID.me,  
you do not need to verify your identity again with us.

For more information, read *How to Create an Online Account* at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10540.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10540.pdf).

## Create Your Account Today!