

## How To Create An Online Account

### Step 1

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) and select:

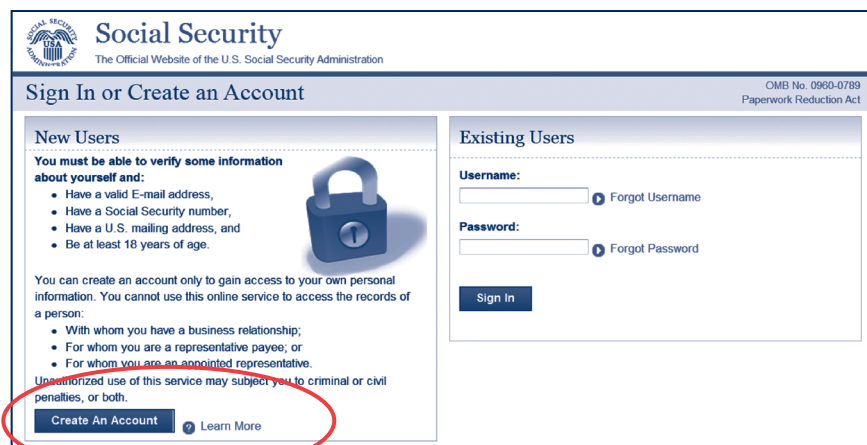


### Step 2

Select "Create An Account."

To create a **my Social Security** account, you must be at least 18 years old and have:

- A valid E-mail address;
- A Social Security number; and
- A U.S. mailing address.

A screenshot of the Social Security Administration's 'Sign In or Create an Account' page. The page has a header with the Social Security logo and the text 'The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration'. Below the header is a section titled 'Sign In or Create an Account'. On the left, under 'New Users', there is a list of requirements: 'You must be able to verify some information about yourself and:'. The requirements are: 'Have a valid E-mail address,', 'Have a Social Security number,', 'Have a U.S. mailing address, and', and 'Be at least 18 years of age.'. Below this list is a blue padlock icon. To the right of the padlock is a 'Create An Account' button. On the right side of the page, under 'Existing Users', there are fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', each with a 'Forgot' link. Below these fields is a 'Sign In' button. The 'Create An Account' button is circled in red.

### Step 3

Provide some personal information to verify your identity.

A screenshot of the Social Security Administration's 'Create an Account' page. The page has a header with the Social Security logo and the text 'The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration'. Below the header is a section titled 'Create an Account'. Under this section are three steps: '1 Verify your Identity', '2 Secure your Identity', and '3 Create your Account'. Below the steps is a section titled 'Please tell us who you are'. Under this section is a form for 'Your Name: As shown on your Social Security card.'. The form has four fields: 'First', 'M.I.', 'Last', and 'Suffix'.A screenshot of the Social Security Administration's 'Create an Account' page. The page has a header with the Social Security logo and the text 'The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration'. Below the header is a section titled 'Create an Account'. Under this section are three steps: '1 Verify your Identity', '2 Secure your Identity', and '3 Create your Account'. Below the steps is a section titled 'Please create your account details'. Under this section is a form for 'Username:' with a text input field.

### Step 4

Choose a username and password to create your account.

After you create a **my Social Security** account, you can access your *Social Security Statement* to check your earnings and get your benefit estimates.

If you receive benefits, you also can:

- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change your direct deposit; and
- Get your benefit verification letter.

## How To Get Your Benefit Verification Letter

You can use your benefit verification letter as proof of your:

- Income when you apply for a loan or mortgage, assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- Retirement or disability status; and
- Age.

**my Social Security**

My Home | Help Center | Security Settings

Overview | Benefit & Payment Details | Earnings Record | My Profile

Welcome, John! You last signed in on February 20, 2013 at 10:00AM EST.

**Benefit & Payments**

You are receiving: Social Security (Retirement), Medicare [View Benefit Details](#)

Your next payment is: **\$1,304.00** on April 3, 2013 [View Payment History](#)

[Get a Benefit Verification Letter](#)  
Need proof that you receive Social Security benefits? Here's your official letter.

**Social Security Statement**

A Message from the Acting Commissioner:  
+ What Social Security means to you...  
+ About Social Security's future...  
+ Learn more about Social Security...

Estimated Benefits: Not applicable

Last Reported Earnings: \$0 in 2011 [View Earnings Record](#)

To get your benefit verification letter:

- Sign into your account; and
- Select "Get a Benefit Verification Letter."

Your letter will be displayed and you may print it or save it for later use.

Benefit Verification Letter - Windows Internet Explorer

[Print Now](#) [Save a Copy](#) [Can't print or save this letter?](#)

**Social Security Administration**

Date: March 1, 2013  
Claim Number: XXXX-XX-1234

Drew Jenkins  
1234 Sample Street  
Sample City, MO 12345

You asked us for information from your record. The information that you requested is shown below. If you want anyone else to have this information, you may send them this letter.

**Information About Current Social Security Benefits**  
Beginning December 2010, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is \$1,300.00.



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