



What You Can Do Online

www.socialsecurity.gov

APPLY FOR BENEFITS

Apply for Social Security retirement/spouse's benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits
Apply for Social Security disability benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability
Apply for Medicare	www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly
Apply for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug costs	www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020

ESTIMATE YOUR FUTURE BENEFITS

Create a my Social Security account to get your <i>Social Security Statement</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check your earnings record; and• See estimates of your potential benefit amounts.	www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount
Get your retirement benefit estimate	www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator
Use our benefit planners to calculate your retirement, disability, and survivors benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/planners

IF YOU GET BENEFITS

Create a my Social Security account and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get your benefit verification letter;• Check your benefit and payment information and your earnings record;• Change your address and phone number; and• Start or change direct deposit of your benefit payment.	www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount
Get a form SSA-1099/1042 (<i>Social Security Benefit Statement</i>)	www.socialsecurity.gov/1099
Get a replacement Medicare card	www.socialsecurity.gov/medicarecard

Find answers to frequently asked questions at
www.socialsecurity.gov/faq



How To Create An Online Account

Step 1

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and select:

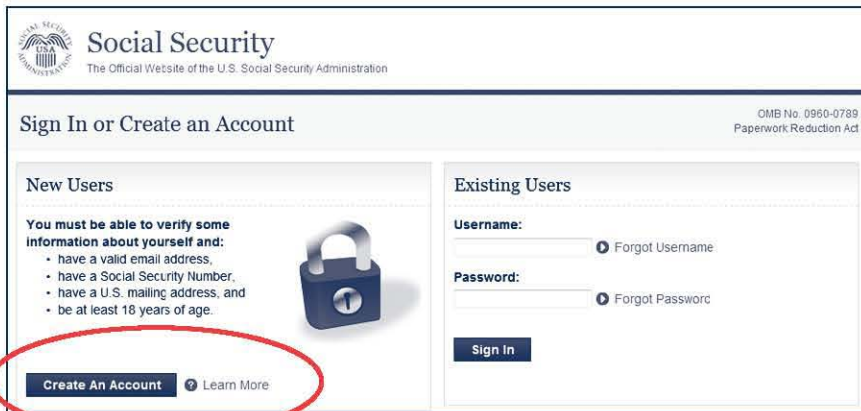


Step 2

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.



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Sign In or Create an Account OMB No. 0950-0789
Paperwork Reduction Act

New Users

You must be able to verify some information about yourself and:

- have a valid email address,
- have a Social Security Number,
- have a U.S. mailing address, and
- be at least 18 years of age.

Existing Users

Username: [Forgot Username](#)

Password: [Forgot Password](#)

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Step 3

Provide some personal information to verify your identity.



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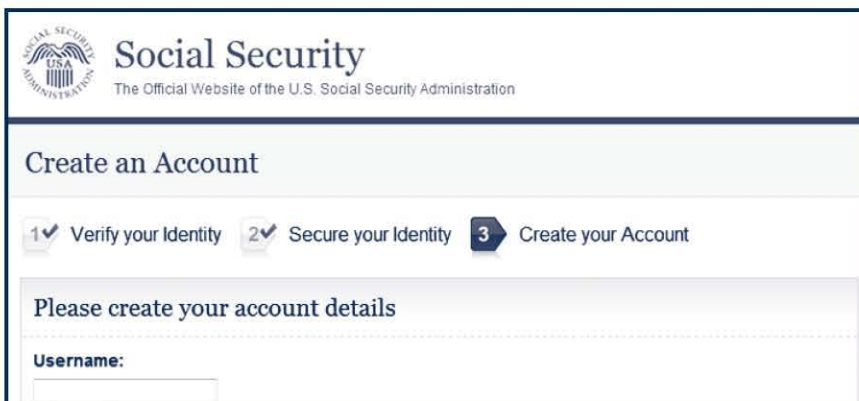
Create an Account

1 Verify your Identity 2 Secure your Identity 3 Create your Account

Please tell us who you are

Your Name:
As shown on your Social Security card.

First M.I. Last Suffix



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Create an Account

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Please create your account details

Username:

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.

The screenshot shows the 'my Social Security' website interface. The user is logged in as 'Drew'. The 'Benefit & Payments' section displays 'Social Security (Retirement), Medicare' and a next payment of '\$700.00 on April 4, 2012'. A red circle highlights the link 'Get a Benefit Verification Letter' with the subtext 'Need proof that you receive Social Security benefits? Here's your official letter.' Below this, the 'Social Security Statement' section is visible, including a message from the Commissioner and the user's last reported earnings of '\$42,492 in 2010'.

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.

The screenshot shows a printed document titled 'Benefit Verification Letter - Windows Internet Explorer'. It features the Social Security Administration logo and the following text: 'Social Security Administration', 'Date: January 1, 2012', 'Claim Number: XXXX-XX-1234', 'Drew Jenkins', '1234 Sample Street', 'Sample City, MO 12345'. A disclaimer states: '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.' At the bottom, it includes 'Information About Current Social Security Benefits' and states: 'Beginning December 2010, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is \$1,300.00.'



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