



# IRS IP Pin Program

## The basics behind the Identity Protection PIN Program

With the proliferation of identity theft and tax refund fraud escalating over the years, the IRS has instituted the Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) program.

**Note: It is not a requirement by the IRS to have an IP Pin in order to file your tax return.**

However, if you received an IP PIN or [CP01A notice](#) from the IRS in the past (or you opted into the pilot program) you must use your 2023 IP PIN to validate your identity when you file your 2023 return.

### **What is an IRS IP PIN?**

This is a six-digit number assigned by the IRS to eligible taxpayers to help prevent the misuse of their Social Security numbers on fraudulent federal income tax returns. The purpose of the IRS IP PIN program is to add an additional layer of protection. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS. It helps to verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account.

If you are a confirmed victim of tax-related identity theft and we have resolved your tax account issues, we'll mail you a [CP01A Notice](#) with your new IP PIN each year.

If you don't already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft.

If you want to request an IP PIN, please note:

- You must pass an identity verification process.
- Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity verification process.
- Once you have opted in and obtained an IP PIN online, you will need to retrieve your IP PIN online each calendar year as a [CP01A Notice](#) will not be mailed.

### **How to get an IP PIN**

The fastest way to receive an IP PIN is by using the online Get an IP PIN tool. If you wish to get an IP PIN and you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity.

Ready to get started?

<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/secureaccess/ui/>

### **Alternatives to the online tool**

If you want an IP PIN but can't successfully validate your identity through the Get an IP PIN tool, there are alternatives. Please note using an alternative method to the online tool takes longer for an IP PIN to be assigned to you.

<https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>

### **Lost IP PINs**

Review [Retrieve Your IP PIN](#) for details. Do not file a Form 15227 to apply for a new IP PIN.

### **For more information on the IP Pin program:**

<https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>

### **FAQ link:**

<https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-identity-protection-personal-identification-number-ip-pin>

Scan the QR code to access an electronic version with links is available at [grifco.com/IRS-IP-PIN](http://grifco.com/IRS-IP-PIN)

If you have further questions, please contact the Client Services Team at Griffiths, Dreher & Evans, PS, CPAs for assistance.

