



How to Apply Online for Retirement, Spouses, or Medicare Benefits

It's so easy! Just go to www.ssa.gov/retirement and select **Learn how to apply**. Scroll down and select **Start application** in the Submit an Application box, then accept the terms of service to begin.



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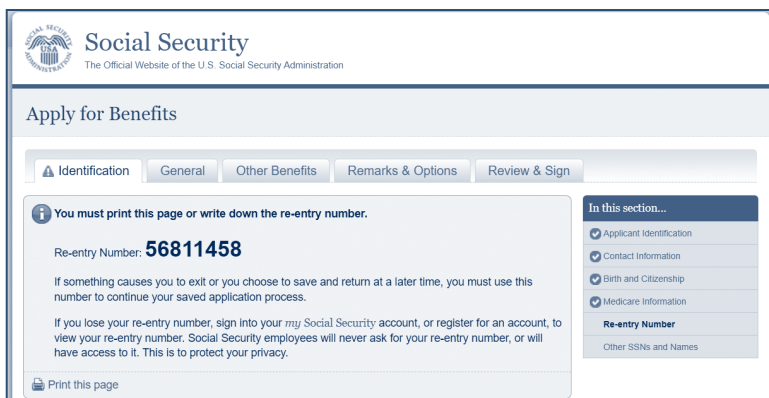
Select one:

- Start a New Application.
- Return to Saved Application Process.

Create or sign in to your personal *my* Social Security account

Once you start a new application online, you will be directed to create or sign in to your personal *my* Social Security account. You will need a valid email address to create your account. All new *my* Social Security customers will create a credential with one of our 2 credential partners, Login.gov or ID.me. If you don't have a Login.gov or ID.me account, select the "Create an Account" link to start this one-time registration process. If you create a new Login.gov credential, we will still complete the identity verification part. You will need to provide some personal information to us.

If you are unable to create a personal *my* Social Security account, you can continue your application online. We will contact you when we receive and review your application.



Re-entry Number

If you signed in to your personal *my* Social Security account when you began your claim, you will be able to save and exit your application after the Re-entry Number screen. You can return to your application by signing in to your personal *my* Social Security account.

If you started your application without creating a personal *my* Social Security account, you may want to print your re-entry number so you can quickly continue a saved application later.

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Employer Details for John Public

Did you work for an employer in 2022? Yes No [More Info](#)

Did you work or will you work for an employer in 2023? Yes No [More Info](#)

Details of Employer Information
Please add all employers for 2022 and 2023.

If you do not have any more employers to enter, click the **Next** button.

Status	Employer Name	Dates of Employment	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mega Corp	April 1986 to January 2023	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>

In this section...

- Marriage Information
- Prior Marriages
- Children
- Military Details
- Employer Details**
- Self-Employment Details
- Supplemental Information
- Total Earnings
- Other Pensions/Annuities
- When to Start Retirement Benefits
- Direct Deposit Details

Information Needed About Your Work

- Employment.
- Self-employment.
- Military service.
- Work for a government agency.
- Work history.

Answer Questions About Your Benefits

- When do you want your Social Security benefits to start?
- Information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, etc.

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When to Start Retirement Benefits for John Public

If's your choice when to start retirement benefits. The earlier the date you start your benefits, the smaller your benefit. The later the date you start to receive benefits, the larger your benefit. This is an important decision, with several factors to consider before you choose the month your benefits should start. [More Info](#)

If you have not done so already, you may review your benefit estimate by creating a *my* Social Security account (you will need to save and exit this application before creating a *my* Social Security account).

If you have applied for, or are currently receiving, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you must select the earliest possible month that you are eligible for benefits. An SSI recipient is required to pursue all other benefits when first eligible.

We need to know when you want to start benefits.

Do you want benefits to start in 01/2023?
 Yes No (Your other available options are 02/2023 to 05/2023.)

If you are eligible for both retirement benefits and spouse's benefit, do you want to delay receipt of retirement benefit? [More Info](#)
If you are full retirement age and we determine that you are eligible to receive both a retirement benefit and a spouse's benefit, you may choose to delay receiving your own retirement benefit and receive only the spouse's benefit for now.
 Yes No

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Review Information for John Public
If you need to make any changes, please select the "Edit" button to return to that page.

Overall Summary

Identification

Applicant Identification

Name: **John Q Public**
Social Security Number: *****-0309
Date of Birth: **January 3, 1946**
Gender: **Male**
Blind or low vision: **Yes**
Visited and made selection on Internet Special Notice Option page: **Yes**
Disabled: **No**

Applicant's Contact Information

Contact Information
Mailing Address: **1234 First Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201**
Reside at this address: **Yes**
Phone: **(410) 325-8778 Home**
Best time to call: **Anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

Review Your Information and Finish Your Application

- Sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button.
- Get a confirmation number.
- Print the receipt for your application.
- Learn what to do next.
- Receive a list of documents you may need to submit.

Contacting Us

There are several ways to do business with us including online, by mail, by phone, and in person. If you cannot use our online services, we can help you by phone when you call our national toll-free 800 number.

If you don't have access to the internet, we offer many automated services by telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so you may not need to speak with a representative. Call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**, if you're deaf or hard of hearing. We provide free interpreter services upon request. For quicker access to a representative, try calling early in the day (between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. local time) or later in the day. **We are less busy later in the week (Wednesday to Friday) and later in the month.**



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