

How To Apply Online For Retirement Benefits



It's so easy! Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline

Welcome to the Retirement Benefit Application

- Estimate your benefit;
- Start your application; and
- Continue completing an application you already started.

Questions About You

- Name;
- Social Security number;
- Gender;
- Date of birth; and
- Other information.

Application Number

When you have successfully started your application, you will get an application number that you can use to:

- Continue your application later if you need a break; and
- Check the status of your completed application.

Earnings Section (Page 4 of 5)
Total Earnings for [John Doe]

Total earnings for 2007
 Show the total of all wages and tips earned in 2007. Include net income from self-employment. Estimate if necessary.

Did you earn wages, tips, and net earnings from self-employment over \$1,080 a month or perform substantial services in self-employment in all months of 2007? [More Info](#)
 Yes No

Total earnings for 2008
 Show the total of all wages and tips that will be earned in 2008. Include net income from self-employment. Estimate if necessary.

Will you earn wages, tips, and net earnings from self-employment over \$1,130 a month or perform substantial services in self-employment in all months of 2008? [More Info](#)
 Yes No

Total earnings for 2009
 Show the total of all wages and tips that will be earned in 2009. Include net income from self-employment. Estimate if necessary.

Will you earn wages, tips, and net earnings from self-employment over \$1,130 a month or perform substantial services in self-employment in all months of 2009? [More Info](#)
 Yes No

Special Payments
 Do any of the total earnings include special payments paid in one year but earned in another? [More Info](#)
 Yes No

Questions About Your Work

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



When to Start Benefits Section (Page 1 of 2)
When to Start Benefits for [John Doe]

It's your choice when to start 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](#)

We have an estimator that can show you what your benefit amount will be under various scenarios. You may wish to end this session and go there now. You will be able to return and continue where you left off.

We need to know when you want to start benefits.
 Do you want benefits to start on [date]?
 Yes No, I'd like to choose another date.

What date should benefits start?

Please let us know if there is a specific reason for this date.
 Currently working and plan to retire on this date.
 Another reason.

If you are eligible for both retirement benefits and spouse's benefit, do you want to delay receipt of retirement benefit? [More Info](#)
 Yes No

Questions About Your Benefits

- When you want your Social Security benefits to start; and
- Other benefits you may receive.



Send this application Section (Page 1 of 1)
Send this application for [John Doe]

To return to the Overall Summary, please use the Return to Summary button.

Congratulations, you're just about ready to complete your application for retirement benefits. Please read and accept the following statement to finish the application. If you are helping someone to complete the application, then that person needs to read and accept the statement.

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically by selecting "Sign Now" below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to file for benefits and have provided the Social Security Administration with accurate information. I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

When you select "Sign Now," you will be sending your completed information electronically to the Social Security Administration. You will no longer be able to change your information.

Finishing Your Application

- Sign your application by selecting the "Sign Now" button;
- Get a receipt for your application;
- Get information on what to do next; and
- Receive a list of documents you may need to show us.



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