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Use this tool to get an EIN directly from the IRS in minutes for free. Answer questions and submit the application. If it's approved, we'll issue your EIN immediately online.

Beware of websites that charge for an EIN. You never have to pay a fee for an EIN.

How it works

- Complete the application in one session. You can't save it for later.
- It expires after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you'll need to start over.
- Print your EIN confirmation letter for your records.

Who can use this tool

Use this if all of these are correct:

- You are a domestic organization, formed or created in the United States or U.S. territories.
- Your principal place of business is in the U.S. or U.S. territories.
- You're the responsible party in control of the entity or its authorized representative.
- You have the responsible party's Social Security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer ID number (ITIN).

You **can't** use this if either:

- Your principal place of business is outside the U.S. If so, apply by phone, fax or mail.
- You are applying with an EIN (unless you are government entity).

What you need

- Your business entity type.
- The Social Security number or taxpayer ID number of the responsible party in control of your business or organization.
- If you're a third-party designee, you must have signed authorization to apply.

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Get your EIN straight from the IRS in minutes.

Apply for an EIN ← **Click here to apply for an EIN online.**

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- Do I need an EIN?
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If you are not comfortable sending information via the Internet, download the Form SS-4 PDF file and the instructions for alternative ways of applying.

About the EIN Assistant

- You must complete this application in one session, as you will not be able to save and return at a later time.
- For security purposes, your session will expire after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you will need to start over.
- You will receive your EIN immediately upon verification. When will I be able to use my EIN?
- If you wish to receive your confirmation letter online, we strongly recommended that you install Adobe Reader before beginning the application if it is not already installed.

Restrictions

- Effective May 21, 2012, to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service will limit Employer Identification Number (EIN) issuance to one per responsible party per day. This limitation is applicable to all request for EINs whether online or by phone, fax or mail. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- If a third party designee (TPD) is completing the online application on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer must authorize the third party to apply for and receive the EIN on his or her behalf.
- The business location must be within the United States or U.S. territories.
- Foreign filers without an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cannot use this assistant to obtain an EIN.
- If you were incorporated outside of the United States or the U.S. territories, you cannot apply for an EIN online. Please call us at 267-941-1099 (this is not a toll free number).

Begin Application Now ← **Click here to start EIN application online.**

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Legal Structure

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

What type of legal structure is applying for an EIN?

If you still don't see your organization type, click on "View Additional Types including Non-Profit/Tax-Exempt Organizations" to view more types. Additional help may be found by reviewing all types of organizations and structures.

Choose type of legal structure *

- (●) Sole Proprietor — Includes individuals who are in business for themselves and household employers.
- ( ) Partnerships — Includes partnerships and joint ventures.
- ( ) Corporations — Includes S corporations, personal service corporations, real estate investment trusts (REIT), regulated investment conduits (RIC), and settlement funds.
- ( ) Limited Liability Company (LLC) — A limited liability company (LLC) is a structure allowed by state statute and is formed by filing articles of organization with the state.
- ( ) Estate — An estate is a legal entity created as a result of a person's death.
- ( ) Trusts — All types of trusts including conservatorships, custodianships, guardianships, irrevocable trusts, revocable trusts, and receiverships.
- ( ) Indian Tribal Governments/Enterprises
- ( ) View Additional Types, Including Tax-Exempt and Governmental Organizations — If none of the above fit what you are establishing , there are several others to choose from.

Individuals will need to select "Sole Proprietor".

You have chosen Sole Proprietor

Sole proprietor includes individuals who are in business for themselves, or household employers. Read the descriptions below and choose the type for which you are applying.

Choose the type of legal structure *

- (●) Sole Proprietor — A sole proprietorship is a business that has only one owner and is not incorporated or registered with the state as a limited liability company (LLC). A sole proprietor can be a self-employed individual or an independent contractor. Sole proprietors (self-employed individuals) report all business income and expenses on their individual tax returns (Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Schedule C, E, or F). A sole proprietor may or may not have employees.
- ( ) Household Employer — You are a household employer if you have hired someone to do household work and that worker is your employee. Household employees include: babysitters, nannies, au pairs, cleaning people, housekeepers, maids, drivers, health aides, private nurses, caretakers, yard workers, and similar domestic workers.

Individuals will need to select "Sole Proprietor".

Confirm your selection of Sole Proprietor as the type of structure applying for an EIN

What it is ...

- A sole proprietorship is a business owned by one individual.
- A sole proprietor can be a self-employed individual or an independent contractor.
- All business income and expenses are reported on the individual's federal income tax return.
- A sole proprietor may or may not have employees.

IMPORTANT: A sole proprietor may have only one EIN, regardless of the number of businesses you own or operate. If you already have an EIN, you must use that number for all of your sole proprietor businesses.

What it is not ...

- The business cannot be incorporated or registered with the state as a limited liability company (LLC)

If you need to change your type of structure, we recommend that you do so now, otherwise you will have to start over and re-enter your information. Additional help may be found by reviewing all types of organizations and structures before making your selection.

Why is the Sole Proprietor requesting an EIN?

If your main reason for applying is not on the list, please select the option you feel is closest to your main reason. If more than one reason applies to you, choose the best or main reason.

Choose one reason that best describes why you are applying for an EIN *

- (●) Started a new business
  If you are beginning a new business.
- ( ) Hired employee(s)
  If you already have a business and need to hire employees.
- ( ) Banking purposes
  If the reason for applying for the EIN is strictly to satisfy banking requirements or local law.
- ( ) Changed type of organization
  If you are changing the type of organization you currently operate, such as changing from a sole proprietor to a partnership, changing from a partnership to a corporation, etc.
- ( ) Purchased active business
  If you are purchasing a business that is already in operation.

Started a new business should be selected as that is the closest reason for obtaining an EIN.

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Identity

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Please tell us about the Sole Proprietor

Must match IRS records or this application cannot be processed.

SSN/ITIN *
Example: 123-45-6789

-**-* Show SSN/ITIN

First name *
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '&'

JOHN

Middle name/initial
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '&'

Last name *
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '&'

DOE

Suffix
Jr, Sr, etc.

Your role

Choose one *

(●) I am the sole proprietor. ← If you are applying for an EIN for yourself, select this option.

( ) I am a third party applying for an EIN on behalf of this sole proprietor.

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Addresses

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Where is the Sole Proprietor physically located?

Note: Must be a U.S. address. Do not enter a P.O. box. For military addresses click here.

Street *
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '/'

112 MAIN AVENUE

City *
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '/'

MOUNTAIN CITY

State/U.S. territory *
Select the state/territory. For military addresses click here.

Maryland (MD)

ZIP/Postal code *
The postal code must be 5 digits

99912

Phone number *
Must contain only digits; do not enter extensions

9991112222

Do you have an address different from the above where you want your mail to be sent? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

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Additional Details: Provided Business Activity and Services

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What does your business or organization do?

Choose one category that best describes your business *

- ○ Accommodations
  Casino hotel, hotel, or motel
- ○ Construction
  Building houses/residential structures, building industrial/commercial structures, specialty trade contractors, remodelers, heavy construction contractors, land subdivision contractors, or site preparation contractors
- ○ Finance
  Banks, sales financing, credit card issuing, mortgage company, mortgage company/broker, securities broker, investment advice, or trust administration
- ○ Food Service
  Retail fast food, restaurant, bar, coffee shop, catering, or mobile food service
- ○ Health Care
  Doctor, mental health specialist, hospital, or outpatient care center
- ○ Insurance
  Insurance company or broker
- ○ Manufacturing
  Mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials/substances/components into new products, including the assembly of components
- ○ Real Estate
  Renting or leasing real estate, managing real estate, real estate agent/broker, selling, buying, or renting real estate for others
- ○ Rental & Leasing
  Rent/lease automobiles, consumer goods, commercial goods, or industrial goods
- ○ Retail
  Retail store, internet sales (exclusively), direct sales (catalogue, mail-order, door to door), auction house, or selling goods on auction sites
- ○ Social Assistance
  Youth services, residential care facility, services for the disabled, or community food/housing/relief services
- ○ Transportation
  Air transportation, rail transportation, water transportation, trucking, passenger transportation, support activity for transportation, or delivery/courier service
- ○ Warehousing
  Operating warehousing or storage facilities for general merchandise, refrigerated goods, or other warehouse products; establishments that provide facilities to store goods but do not sell the goods they handle
- ○ Wholesale
  Wholesale agent/broker, importer, exporter, manufacturers' representative, merchant, distributor, or jobber
- ◉ Other ← **Select "Other" for the type of business.**

Tell us more about your Other activities

Please choose one of the following that best describes your primary business activity: *

- ○ Consulting
- ○ Manufacturing
- ○ Organization (such as religious, environmental, social or civic, athletic, etc.)
- ○ Rental
- ○ Repair
- ○ Sell goods
- ○ Service
- ◉ Other ← **Select "Other" and enter "Fulfilling Federal Requirements".**

Please specify your primary business activity: *

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Additional Details

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Tell us about the Sole Proprietor

Name of Sole Proprietor

John Doe

Trade name/Doing business as (only if different from name)

The trade name may not contain an ending such as 'LLC', 'LC', 'PLLC', 'PA', 'Corp', or 'Inc'.
The only special characters allowed are '-' and '&'

County where Sole Proprietor is located *

MONTGOMERY

State/Territory where the Sole Proprietor is located *

Maryland (MD)

Sole Proprietor Start Date *

Month: June

Year: 2026

Tell us more about the Sole Proprietor

Does your business own a highway motor vehicle with a taxable gross weight of 55,000 pounds or more? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Does your business involve gambling/wagering? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Does your business need to file Form 720 (Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return)? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Does your business sell or manufacture alcohol, tobacco, or firearms? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Do you have, or do you expect to have, any employees who will receive Forms W-2 in the next 12 months? (Forms W-2 require additional filings with the IRS.) *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

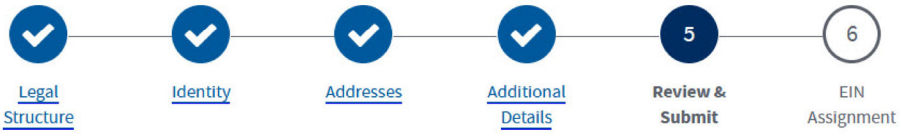
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Review and Submit

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Review your information before submitting.

Please review the information you are about to submit. If any of the information below is incorrect, you will need to start a new application.

Click the "Submit EIN Request" button at the bottom of the page to receive your EIN.

How would you like to receive your EIN Confirmation Letter?

You have two options for receiving your confirmation letter. Please choose one below *

(●) Receive letter digitally in the next step

This option requires Adobe Reader. You will be able to view, print, and save this letter immediately. It will not be mailed to you.

( ) Receive letter by mail (allow up to 4 weeks for delivery)

The IRS will send the letter to the mailing address you provided.

Select this option to receive your letter online providing your EIN.

Click "Submit EIN Request" to send your request and receive your EIN. Once you submit, please wait while your application is being processed. It can take up to two minutes for your application to be processed.

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Click here to continue the application process and receive your letter providing your EIN.

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If you have not received your EIN or have other issues with the application, please contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-4933.