



Social Security Number for International Students

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Social Security Update on Services

Beginning April 7, local Social Security offices are offering:

- more in-person appointments and
- resumed in-person service without an appointment

As we expand in-person service, we strongly encourage you to continue to:

- **go online;**
- **call us for help; or**
- **schedule appointments in advance**



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Know Before You Go

If you visit an office, please keep in mind:

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Complete COVID-19 [self-assessment checklist](#) before visiting the office
- Masks are required
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Office space will be limited
- Come alone unless you require help with your visit
- No appointment, expect long lines
- Busiest times are: Mondays, the morning after a Federal holiday, and the first week of the month



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Scam Awareness - 3 Tips to Protect Yourself

- Understand the threats
- Exercise caution
- Secure your information

To report fraud, go to: **oig.ssa.gov**



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Scam Awareness & Social Security

- We do contact citizens -
 - generally those who have ongoing business with Social Security - by telephone for customer- service purposes
- Social Security employees will never -
 - threaten you for information
 - state that you face potential arrest or other legal action if you fail to provide information
- If you receive a threatening call, the call is fraudulent -
 - don't give out any information
 - you should just hang up



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Examples and Impact of Identity Theft

Examples of Misuse

Opening credit cards

Opening utility accounts

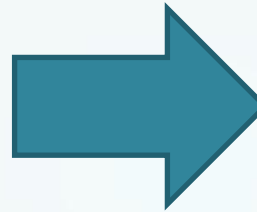
Applying for a tax refund

Getting a loan

Applying for employment

Getting medical care

Illegal use of Social Security number



Impact on Victims

Denial of credit/loans

Denial of public benefits

Denial of medical care

Harassment by debt collectors

Lawsuits

Stress/anxiety/embarrassment

Time/expenses spent on recovery steps



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Your Social Security Number (SSN)

- Social Security Administration protects your SSN and keeps your records confidential.
- You should be careful about sharing your number, even when asked for it.
- Keep your card and other documents that show your SSN in a safe place.
- DO NOT routinely carry your card or other documents that display your number.



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What To Do Right Away

- Step 1: Call the companies where you know fraud occurred.
- Step 2: Place a fraud alert and get your credit reports.
- Step 3: Report identity theft to the FTC ([identitytheft.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identitytheft))

You may choose to file a report with your local police department.



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IdentityTheft.gov

Here's how it works:



Explain what happened.

They will ask questions about your situation. Tell them as much as you can.



Get a recovery plan.

They will use that info to create a personal recovery plan.



Put your plan into action.

If you create an account, they will walk you through each recovery step, update your plan as needed, track your progress, and pre-fill forms and letters for you.



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Free Help from IdentityTheft.gov

- A personal recovery plan that walks you through each step
- An identity theft affidavit that you can review and update at any time
- Customized pre-filled letters to send credit bureaus, businesses and debt collectors
- Update your plan and track your progress
- Advice about what to do if you're affected by specific data breaches



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How Social Security Can Help

- Outreach and education
- Replacement or corrected Social Security Number (SSN) card
- Issue a new (second) SSN
- Verify SSA records
- Correct earnings record
- Hotline referrals



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What SSA Cannot Do

- Correct your credit record
- File ID theft reports
- Act as an advocate



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Credit Bureaus – Contact Information

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
<u>equifax.com</u>	<u>experian.com</u>	<u>transunion.com</u>
Report fraud: 1-800-525-6285	Report fraud: 1-888-397-3742	Report fraud: 1-800-680-7289
Order a credit report: 1-800-685-1111	Order a credit report: 1-888-EXPERIAN (1-888-397-3742)	Order a credit report: 1-800-916-8800
P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374-0241	P.O. Box 1017 Allen, TX 75013-0949	Fraud Victim Assistance Department P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834



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Fraud Resources

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) → 1-877-438-4338
- Tax Issues, visit irs.gov/identity-theft-central or call 1-800-908-4490
- [FTC.gov/idtheft](https://ftc.gov/idtheft) for prevention tips and free resources
- DMV DL/ID Fraud Hotline → 1-866-658-5758
- Get your free credit reports at annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228



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What should I do if I get a call claiming there's a problem with my Social Security number or account?



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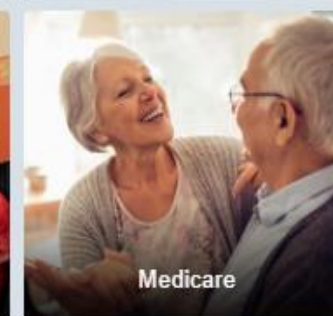
Retirement



Disability



SSI



Medicare



my Social Security

Check out your *Social Security Statement*, change your address & manage your benefits online today.



Social Security Number

Your Social Security number remains your first and continuous link with Social Security.



How to Get Help

Learn how to get help from Social Security.



FAQs

Get answers to frequently asked questions about Social Security.

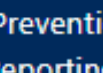
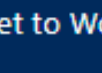
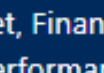
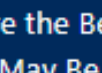
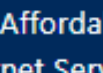


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Additional Online Resources

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 Replacement Social Security Card	 Check Application or Appeal Status	 People Helping Others	 Contact Us	 Forms
 Publications	 Calculators	 Social Security Statement	 Direct Deposit	 Closings & Emergencies
 Fraud Prevention and Reporting	 Ticket to Work	 Budget, Finance, and Performance	 Explore the Benefits You May Be Due	 Get Affordable Internet Service



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Replacing Social Security Card online

Requirements for online replacement Social Security card:

- U.S. Citizen age 18 or older with a U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses)
- Have a current driver's license or state-issued identification card*,
- Have a *my* Social Security, Login.gov, or ID.me account

Name and Date of Birth must match Social Security records otherwise iSSNRC will not work.

*Not all states participate in iSSNRC, please check online to determine if your state participates.



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Requesting an Original Social Security Number for Noncitizens



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

www.uscis.gov

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently shared helpful links to online resources.

The flyers below include links to USCIS self-service tools and online services, which allow one to:

- track the status of an immigration application,
 - check case processing times, and
 - locate additional citizenship-related resources.
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- English - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_Flyer.pdf
 - Spanish - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/outreach-engagements/USCIS_Herramientas_esp_PDF_1.15MB.pdf
 - Russian - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_Russian.pdf
 - Haitian Creole - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_HaitianCreole.pdf
 - French - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_Flyer_FR.pdf
 - Punjabi - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_Flyer_PU.pdf
 - Chinese Simplified - https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flyers/USCIS_Tools_Chinese_Simplified.pdf



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Terms

- COA - Class of Admission
- CPT - Curricular Practical Training
- DHS - Department of Homeland Security
- DOJ - Department of Justice
- DSO - Designated School Official
- EAD - Employment Authorization Document
- EBE - Enumeration Beyond Entry
- EOIR - Executive Office of Immigration Review
- LPR - Lawful Permanent Resident
- POE - Port of Entry
- SSN - Social Security Number
- SEVIS - Student and Exchange Visitor Information System
- USCIS - United States Citizen and Immigration Services



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Common Documents*

- I-20: Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
- I-94: Arrival/Departure Record
- I-485: Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status
- I-551: EAD (Lawful Permanent Resident – Green Card)
- I-765: Application for Employment Authorization
- I-766: EAD (Work Permit)
- I-797: Notice of Action

***Note: All documents must be originals. Photocopies will not be accepted.**



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Benefits without Social Security Number

Lawfully admitted noncitizens can receive benefits without a SSN

Noncitizens can:

- Conduct business at a bank
- Register for school
- Apply for educational tests
- Obtain private health insurance
- Apply for school lunch programs
- Apply for Subsidized housing
- Apply for a driver's license
- Apply for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number



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Requesting a Social Security Number without Work Authorization

- Only valid non-work reasons are:
 - Federal statute or regulation requires the alien provide a SSN to receive a particular benefit or service to which has otherwise established entitlement; or
 - State or local law requires the alien who is legally in the U.S. to provide a SSN to receive public assistance benefits to which has otherwise established entitlement and for which all other requirements have been met.
- Documents for non-work SSN are:
 - evidence of age, identity, and current immigration status; and
 - a letter from the appropriate government entity that explains the need for the SSN



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Enumeration Beyond Entry (EBE)

SSA, DHS, and USCIS are parties under an agreement which USCIS provides SSA with information necessary to assign a Social Security number (SSN) to non-U.S. citizens who request a Social Security Number (SSN) and who:

- live in the United States, and
- need to obtain an original SSN or replacement card, and
- are applying for either an I-766 (EAD) or,
- are applying for an I-551 (LPR card or "Green Card").

Form I-765 is used for those applying for an EAD

Form I-485 is used for those applying as LPR or to adjust status

Applicants should receive your SSN card no later than 7 to 10 business days after you receive EAD or I-551 (Green card) from USCIS. The card is mailed to the address provided on the application.



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Applying for Original Social Security Number

If you were not approved for EBE, you must apply for the original SSN in person.

If you have already been assigned a Social Security number based on immigration status and need a replacement card, you must provide all original documents.



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Applying for a Social Security Number as a Noncitizen

When applying for a Social Security number all applicants must provide proof of:

- Age
- Identity
- **Immigration Status**



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Evidence of Age

All applicants for an original SSN card (including a new SSN) must submit evidence to support the date of birth alleged. The evidence of age must be independently verified with the issuing agency or custodian of the record.

Primary Evidence:

- Foreign-born birth certificate

Alternative Evidence:

- Foreign passport
- U.S. immigration document or record (e.g., I-551, employment authorization document, or I-94)



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Evidence of Identity

We must ensure that the applicant for the SSN is the person claims to be.

Evidence of Identity documents must:

- Be current and unexpired to establish the individual's continued existence.
- Show the name as it will be shown on the card.
- Be the highest priority document type available according to SSA standards
- Agree with other documents and with applicant's allegations on the SS-5 (Social Security card application)
- Show biographical information in addition to the person's name,, e.g. date of birth, parent names, OR show a physical description (e.g. height and weight) or current picture of the applicant

Acceptable Evidence of Identity for foreign-born applicant:

- Foreign passport
- I-551 in combination with an unexpired foreign passport
- I-94 in combination with an unexpired foreign passport
- I-766

Note: In some cases, the alien may have a current lawful alien document but not have a foreign passport (e.g., a refugee). In these situations we will accept the immigration document alone.



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Class of Admission F-1

F-1

- Nonimmigrant classification limited to foreign students pursuing a full course of study in DHS approved academic institutions and language training programs in the U.S..

In order to be assigned a Social Security number, F-1 students must provide:

- Evidence of nonimmigrant status I-94;
- Valid/non expired foreign passport
- first page of the form I-20; and
- employment status which must include:
 - DSO letter
 - Letter from the student's employer



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Requirements for Evidence of Employment Status for an F1 for General On-Campus Employment

A letter or statement from the DSO

The letter or statement must be on school letterhead. The letter must show all of the following:

- printed or typed, name, signature, and telephone number of the DSO;
- state the letter or statement is signed;
- the name of a single F1 student applying for an SSN;
- indication that the student is attending school;
- name of approved school attended;
- on-campus employer name and contact information; and
- nature of the on-campus employment.

NOTE: If the work is at an off-campus location, either the DSO or the employer must indicate that the employer is either educationally affiliated with the school or a contractually funded research project at the post-graduate level (e.g., working on scientific research for a private firm, “XYZ Scientific Corporation,” under contract to the school).



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Letter or Statement from employer

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An original letter or statement from the F1 student's employer must be typed or written on employer's (school or company) letterhead and show all the following:

- name of the F-1 student employee;
- description of the employment;
- anticipated or actual employment start date no more than 30 days in the future at the time of application for an SSN;
- number of hours the student is expected to work;
- employer identity number (EIN);
- employer contact information, including the telephone number and the name of the F1 student's immediate supervisor;
- verification of the employment status (i.e. student has been hired);
- original signature with signatory's title and date.

NOTE: Employment verification must come from another source other than the DSO such as the department or payroll official that issues the paycheck and is responsible for wage reporting.



Class of Admission J-1

J-1

- Nonimmigrant classification for exchange visitor admitted to the U.S. to take part in an Exchange Visitor program designated by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Cultural Affairs.

In order to be assigned a Social Security number, J-1 students must provide:

- Evidence of nonimmigrant status I-94;
- Valid/non expired foreign passport;
- DS-2019 completed by the program sponsor; and
- Sponsor letter authorizing employment



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Sponsor Letter

The sponsor letter must:

- be written on the sponsoring organization's letterhead;
- show a recent date within the current program start and end dates shown on Item 3 of the DS-2019;
- show the name of the J-1 exchange visitor “Student”, “Student Intern”, or “International Visitor”;
- indicate the J-1 has been authorized to work. The sponsor letter does not need to show a description of the actual work being performed; and,
- include an original signature of the Responsible Officer for the exchange visitor program and his or her title.



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Applying for a Social Security Number: Starting the Process

- Complete the form SS-5 Application for Social Security Card
- Provide Evidence of
 - Age
 - Identity
 - Immigration status
- Visit a Social Security office (office locator: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>)

Requesting an original Social Security number requires an in-person interview.



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Form SS – 5 Application for a Social Security Card

Application for a Social Security Card					
1	NAME TO BE SHOWN ON CARD		First	Full Middle Name	Last
	FULL NAME AT BIRTH IF OTHER THAN ABOVE		First	Full Middle Name	Last
	OTHER NAMES USED				
2	Social Security number previously assigned to the person listed in item 1				
3	PLACE OF BIRTH (Do Not Abbreviate)		City	State or Foreign Country	Office Use Only FCI
4	DATE OF BIRTH		MM/DD/YYYY		
5	CITIZENSHIP (Check One)		☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Legal Alien Allowed To Work ☐ Legal Alien Not Allowed To Work (See Instructions On Page 3) ☐ Other (See Instructions On Page 3)		
6	ETHNICITY Are You Hispanic or Latino? (Your Response is Voluntary)		☐ Yes ☐ No		
7	RACE Select One or More (Your Response is Voluntary)		☐ Native Hawaiian ☐ American Indian ☐ Other Pacific Islander ☐ Alaska Native ☐ Black/African American ☐ Asian ☐ White		
8	SEX		☐ Male ☐ Female		
9	A. PARENT/ MOTHER'S NAME AT HER BIRTH		First	Full Middle Name	Last
10	B. PARENT/ MOTHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (See instructions for 9B on Page 3)		☐ Unknown		
11	A. PARENT/ FATHER'S NAME		First	Full Middle Name	Last
12	B. PARENT/ FATHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (See instructions for 10B on Page 3)		☐ Unknown		
13	Has the person listed in item 1 or anyone acting on his/her behalf ever filed for or received a Social Security number card before?		☐ Yes (If "yes" answer questions 12-13) ☐ No ☐ Don't Know (If "don't know," skip to question 14.)		
14	Name shown on the most recent Social Security card issued for the person listed in item 1		First	Full Middle Name	Last
15	Enter any different date of birth if used on an earlier application for a card		MM/DD/YYYY		
16	TODAY'S DATE		MM/DD/YYYY		
17	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER		Area Code Number		
18	MAILING ADDRESS (Do Not Abbreviate)		Street Address, Apt. No., PO Box, Rural Route No.		
			City State/Foreign Country ZIP Code		
I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this form, and on any accompanying statements or forms, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.					
19	YOUR SIGNATURE		YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PERSON IN ITEM 1 IS:		
20			☐ Self ☐ Natural Or Adoptive Parent ☐ Legal Guardian ☐ Other Specify		



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Starting the Application Online

Original card:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- have a U.S. mailing address includes APOs, DPOs, and FPOs;
- proof of age, identity, and citizenship or alien status of the individual;
- proof of identity for the proper applicant if applying on behalf of someone else;
- proof of mental and physical incapacity if applying for someone else age 18 and older; and
- proof of responsibility and relationship if applying on someone else's behalf.

Replacement card:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- have a U.S. mailing address includes APOs, DPOs, and FPOs;
- proof of identity for the number holder;
- proof of identity for the applicant and number holder if applicant is applying on behalf of someone else;
- proof of mental and physical incapacity if applying for someone else age 18 and older; and
- proof of responsibility and relationship if applying on someone else's behalf;
- proof of name change event and new name (e.g., marriage certificate, divorce decree) for name change event.



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Already Applied for a Social Security Number? What to Expect Next

- You will be provided a receipt showing the application is being processed.
- Once the documents are verified and approved, you will be assigned a Social Security number.
- The Social Security card will be mailed to the address you provided on your application.
- If the documents could not be verified and the application is disapproved, you receive a letter stating Social Security is unable to assign a Social Security number and provide the reason.



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Not Qualified for a Social Security Number: Applying for a State Driver's License

- Complete the SSA Form SS-5
- Attach a cover letter briefly stating that you do not meet the qualifications for a Social Security number but do need a notice from Social Security to provide the DMV
- Copy of passport photo and Visa pages
- Mail the above documents or visit your servicing Social Security office (Office Locator: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>)
- Social Security will provide you with the appropriate notice for the DMV



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Helpful Tips

- Complete the SS-5 paper application clearly and as thoroughly as possible
- Ensure the phone number listed is operational and can receive voicemail messages
- Provide a proper mailing address to send the Social Security card
- Bring all necessary **original** documents to the in-office interview



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Resources

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Application for a Social Security Card: Form SS-5: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>
- Original Card for a Noncitizen Adult: <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm>
- Social Security Information in Other Languages: <https://www.ssa.gov/site/languages/en/>
- Social Security Office Locator: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>



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