# How to Set Up & Access Your IRS Account
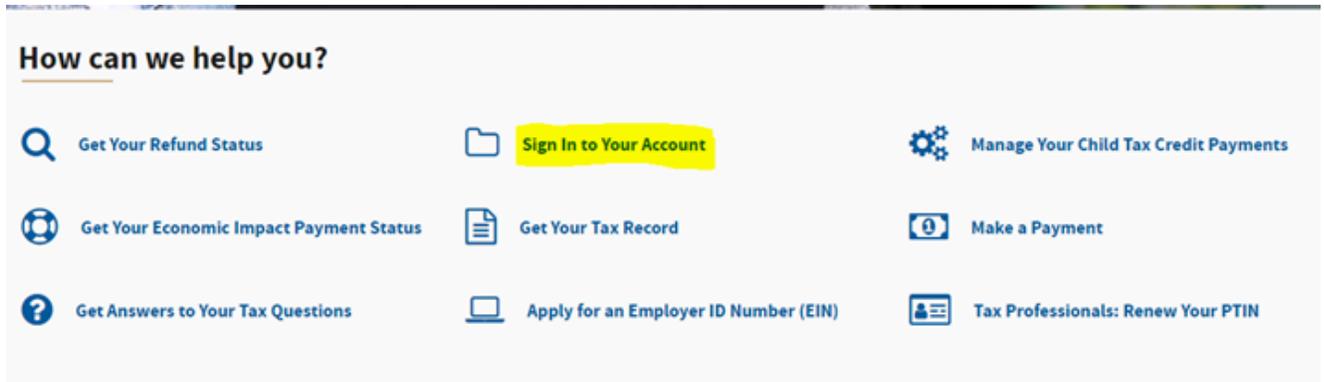
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# Why you need an IRS account:

Having an online account with the IRS offers taxpayers many benefits. You can make payments and get a record of payments made. It's also important for retrieving account, tax return, and/or wage and income transcripts. An IRS account also allows you to obtain details of the Economic Impact Payments (i.e. Stimulus Checks) and Advanced Child Tax Credit payments you received. You can also enter into payment plans and more.

# What you'll need to get started:

- A cellphone with an Internet connection and a camera to establish identification credentials
- A form of identification (driver's license, passport, or passport card)

# How to set up your account

1. Go to https://www.irs.gov/ and click on **"Sign In to Your Account."**



2. Click on **"Sign In to Your Online Account."**

3. To set up a new account, click **"ID.me Create an Account."** If you have an existing account, you can sign in now and skip ahead in this guide to **"How to Access Your Information."**
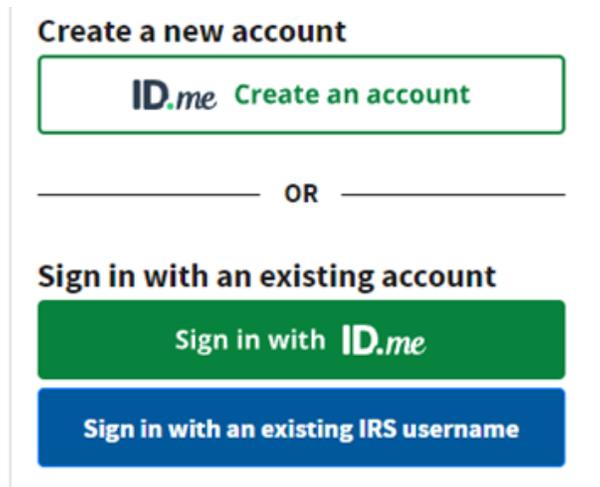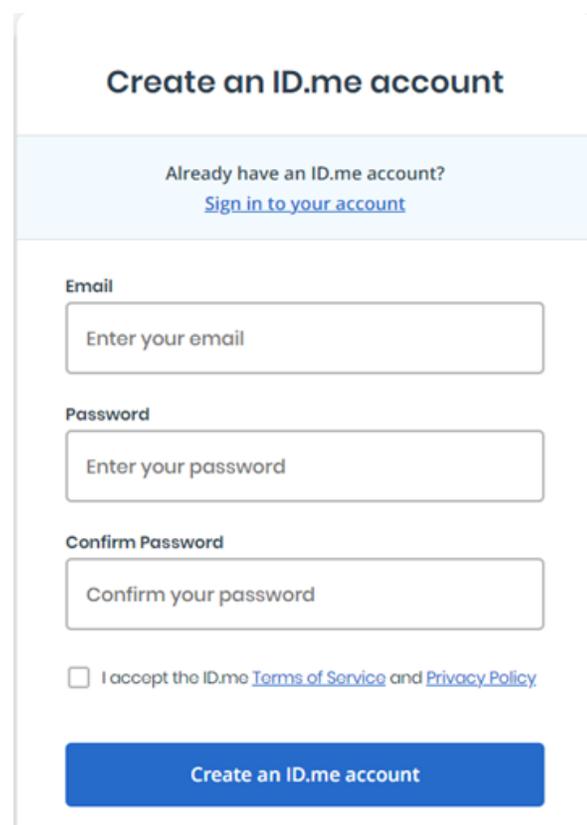
**Create a new account**

ID.me Create an account

—————— OR ——————

**Sign in with an existing account**

Sign in with ID.me

Sign in with an existing IRS username

4. Fill in email address and password. Check **"I accept the ID.me Terms of Service and Privacy Policy"** and then click **"Create an ID.me account."**

Your password should be at least 8 characters long and include:
  - lowercase letter
  - uppercase letter
  - number

**Create an ID.me account**

Already have an ID.me account?
Sign in to your account

Email

Enter your email

Password

Enter your password

Confirm Password

Confirm your password

☐ I accept the ID.me Terms of Service and Privacy Policy

Create an ID.me account

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5. Click **"Continue."**

6. You should receive a confirmation email. Open your email and locate the message from ID.me, then either click on the **"Confirm your email"** link in your email, or enter the code in your browser under **"Can't click on the button in your email?"** Then click **"Continue."**

CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We sent an email to

If you cannot find the email, please check your spam folder. It can take up to 10 minutes to receive the email.

After your email is confirmed, return to this page to continue.

Didn't receive the email? Send it again

Can't click on the button in your email?

Enter the 6-digit code from the email below.

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Continue

**7.** Choose an option for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), then follow the prompts until you get to **"Verify Your Identity."**

## Choose an MFA option

**Text Message or Phone Call**

Get a 6-digit code by text message or phone call.

Select

**Push Notification**

Approve sign-ins via push notifications sent to the **ID.me Authenticator** mobile app.

Select

**Code Generator Application**

Generate verification codes via code generator apps like **ID.me Authenticator**.

Select

**FIDO Security Key**

Use a physical security key (insert or tap) with your device (supported browsers only).

Select

**NFC-Enabled Mobile Security Key**

Tap a YubiKey™ security key to your phone using the **ID.me Authenticator** mobile app.

Select

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**8.** Choose a verification method, then click **"Start Now."**

**VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY**

We'll need permission to use details from your credit profile and other public sources to verify your identity. This will not affect your credit score. You will only need to verify your identity once.

## Choose a verification method

**Upload photos of your license or state ID**
Upload photos of your driver's license or state ID, and enter your Social Security number.

**Start now**

**Upload a photo of your passport**
Upload a photo of your passport and enter your Social Security number.

**Start now**

**Upload photos of your passport card**
Upload photos of your passport card and enter your Social Security number.

**Start now**

**9.** Follow the prompts to upload your license, passport or passport card. You will also need to take a photo of yourself to verify your identity.

# How to access your information

**10.** Once you're signed into your account, you can get the amounts of your Stimulus Checks or EIP Payment information by clicking **"View Tax Records."**

## Account Status

**Total Amount Owed**
as of December 15, 2021:

# $0.00

View Balance Details

## Payments

[ MAKE A PAYMENT ]

View Payment Options

View Payment Activity

## Records

View Advance Child Tax Credit Information ⧉

View Tax Records for:

- Key information from your most recent tax return
- Economic Impact Payment Information
- Downloadable tax records

View Notices and Letters for correspondence from the IRS

View Authorizations for online requests from tax professionals

**11.** Please scroll to the bottom to open the 2021 Economic Impact Payment information. Take a screenshot or print a copy copy of the **Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments** and the **Economic Impact Payment Information** documents to give to your tax preparer.

**Advance Child Tax Credit Payments**

If you received advance payments of the Child Tax Credit, you need to know the total amount to reconcile these payments on your tax return.

See the Child Tax Credit Update Portal ⧉ for information or refer to the letter that will be mailed to you.

**Economic Impact Payment Information**

Expand the years below to see your Economic Impact Payment Information.

⊖ **2021**

Do not use this information when filing your 2020 tax return.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 enacted on March 11, 2021 authorized a third round of Economic Impact Payments for eligible individuals. This payment is a rebate paid as an advance refund of the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit, which is a refundable tax credit for tax year 2021. Most eligible individuals will have received their Economic Impact Payment before the filing of their 2021 tax return, which generally isn't due until April 15, 2022. Your payment amount shown here is for the most recent payment issued. We'll update this amount in early 2022 to the total amount that can be used when filing your 2021 tax return.

If you filed as Married Filing Jointly, this is the combined amount for both spouses based on your 2019 or 2020 tax return.

To learn more, see our Frequently Asked Questions ⧉.

| Type | Amount |
|------|--------|
| Economic Impact Payment 3 | $1,400.00 |

If you have any trouble, please visit this website:
https://www.irs.gov/individuals/secure-access-how-to-register-for-certain-online-self-help-tools

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