

Privacy Act Statement

Collection and Use of Personal Information

Section 205 of the Social Security Act, as amended; the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (P.L. 105-277); and the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Title III) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347) authorize us to collect this information to allow you access to our online services.

This Privacy Act Statement applies to the entire online authentication process and credential issuance, which includes account setup to account maintenance.

We need this information to verify your identity before we grant you access to the information you are requesting. Your responses are voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may prevent you from using our online services.

When you set up your account, we will attempt to verify internally your information by checking our records. We will also send some of the information you have provided us to an external data source, Experian. Experian will support us in verifying your identity. We do not share your Social Security number with Experian. Experian will only store the information we share with them for the period of time required by Federal laws, regulations, or guidelines.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than to verify your identity. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of our Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g. to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans Affairs);
2. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of Social Security programs;
3. To respond to a request on your behalf from a Congressional office or the Office of the President; and
4. To other Federal agencies and our contractors, including external data sources, to assist us in efficiently administering our programs.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in our System of Records Notice entitled, *Central Repository of Electronic Authentication Data Master File* (60-0373). The notice, additional information regarding this form, and any other information regarding our programs are available online at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security office.