

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Collection and Use of Personal Information

Section 204 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and 31 CFR 210 of the Code of Federal Regulations authorize us to collect this information. We will use the information to correct or adjust payments.

Furnishing us this information is voluntary. However, failing to provide us with all or part of the information may prevent us from making an accurate decision on payments.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than what we state above, however, we may use the information for the administration of our programs including sharing information:

1. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from our records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans Affairs); and,
2. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to ensure the integrity and improvement of our programs (e.g., to the Bureau of the Census and to private entities under contract with us).

A list of when we may share your information with others, called routine uses, is available in our System of Records Notices, 60-0058, entitled Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, 60-0090, entitled Master Beneficiary Record, 60-0094, entitled Recovery of Overpayments, Accounting and Reporting/Debt Management System, and 60-0103, entitled Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits. Additional information about these and other system of records notices and our programs are available from our Internet website at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security office.

We may share the information you provide to other agencies through computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. We can use the information from these matching programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.