

Privacy Act Statement Collection and Use of Personal Information

Section 205q(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 404), as amended, authorizes us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide to assist us in making a decision on your benefits.

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

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than the reason stated above. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of 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 enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage;
2. 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);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of Social Security programs (e.g., to the Bureau of the Census and private concerns under contract to Social Security).

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used 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.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in our System of Records Notices entitled, Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications System, 60-0058; Earnings Recording and Self Employment Income System, 60-0059; Claims Folders Systems, 60-0089; and Master Beneficiary Record, 60-0090. These notices, additional information regarding this form, and information regarding our systems and programs, are available on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or at any local Social Security office.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. We estimate that it will take about 13 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. ***Send only comments relating to our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.***