

Social Security Administration
Important Information

Local FO:

Return Address:

Date:

The Social Security Administration is committed to communicating with you effectively. We have a process to help you, as a blind or visually impaired person, to request an accommodation that will help us communicate with you.

Requests We Automatically Approve

For blind or visually impaired persons, we automatically approve requests for notices in standard print by first class or certified mail, in Braille, or on Microsoft Word compact discs. We also approve requests for standard print by first-class mail followed by a telephone call from us. To request one of these formats, you can:

- Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/notices and follow the steps provided;
- Call us toll-free at 1-877-708-1776; or
- Write or visit your local Social Security office.

Other Requests for Accommodation

To request a different accommodation (such as large print or audio compact disc), you can:

- Call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213; or
- Call or visit your local Social Security office; or
- Fill out the enclosed “Request for Accommodation” form and send it to: Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 17788, Baltimore, MD 21235-7788. You can also write to this address about an accommodation request you have already made.

When we decide whether or not to approve your request, we will mail you our decision as well as the reasons we came to

If You Have Any Questions

For general information about Social Security, we invite you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. For general questions and specific questions about your case, you may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at . We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY/TDD number at 1-800-325-0778. If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.

Field Office Manager

Enclosure: SSA-9000-F4 Request for Accommodation

Request for Accommodation

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

1A. NAME	1B. DATE OF REQUEST
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1C. ADDRESS

1D. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	1E. PHONE NUMBER (including area code)
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2. CONDITION THAT CAUSES YOU TO REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION

3. EXPLANATION

A. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending you notices in standard print by first-class mail.

B. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending you notices in standard print by certified mail.

C. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending notices in standard print by first class mail followed by a telephone call within 5 business days to read you the notice.

D. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending notices in Braille and in standard print by first-class mail.

3. EXPLANATION (Continued)

- E. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending notices in a Microsoft Word file on a compact disc (CD) and in standard print by first-class mail. Most screen readers should be able to read the Microsoft Word file on the CD. The Word CD will not work in an audio CD player.
- F. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending notices in large print (18-point font) and in standard print by first-class mail.
- G. Tell us why we cannot communicate with you by sending notices on audio compact discs (CDs) that contain a voice recording of the notice and in notices in standard print by first-class mail. The audio CD should work in most CD players.

4. Other Accomodation Requested

A. What format do you want?

B. Is there any other way that we can communicate with you?

Privacy Act Notice for Request for Accommodation

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), 29 U.S.C. §§ 701 et seq., and Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act (as amended), 42 U.S.C. § 405(a), authorize us to collect this information. The information is needed to verify your identity and to process your request for a notice accommodation. Providing this information is voluntary. However, failure to provide all or part of the requested information may prevent the Social Security Administration from processing your request.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than for verifying identity and processing your notice accommodation request. 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: (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 Veteran 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 of Social Security programs.

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 and administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Our notices, additional information regarding this application, and information regarding our programs and systems, are available on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your 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 control number. We estimate that it will take about 20 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. *You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Send **only** comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.*