

Privacy Act Statement Collection and Use of Personal Information

Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, allows us to collect this information. Furnishing us this information is voluntary. However, failing to provide all or part of the information may prevent us from making an accurate and timely decision on your claim.

We will use the information to review your claim. We may also share your information for the following purposes, called routine uses:

1. To third party contacts in situations where the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information relating to the individual's capability to manager their affairs or eligibility for or entitlement to benefits under the Social Security program when the data are needed to establish the validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual; and
2. To applicants, claimants, prospective applicants or claimants, other than the data subject, their authorized representatives or representative payees to the extent necessary to pursue Social Security claims and to representative payees when the information pertains to individuals for whom they serve as representative payees, for the purpose of assisting SSA in administering its representative payment responsibilities under the Act and assisting the representative payees in performing their duties as payees, including receiving and accounting for benefits for individuals for whom they serve as payees.

In addition, we may share this information in accordance with the Privacy Act and other Federal laws. For example, where authorized, we may use and disclose this information in computer matching programs, in which our records are compared with other records to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federal benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect or delinquent debts under these programs.

A list of additional routine uses is available in our Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) 60-0089, entitled Claims Folders Systems. Additional information and a full listing of all our SORNs are available on our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/foia/bluebook.