How To Create An Online Account

Step 1
Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and select:

Step 2
Select “Create An Account.”
To create a my Social Security account, you must be at least 18 years old and have:
- A valid E-mail address;
- A Social Security number; and
- A U.S. mailing address.

Step 3
Provide some personal information to verify your identity.

Step 4
Choose a username and password to create your account.
After you create a **my Social Security** account, you can access your **Social Security Statement** to check your earnings and get your benefit estimates.

If you receive benefits, you also can:
- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change your direct deposit; and
- Get your benefit verification letter.

**How To Get Your Benefit Verification Letter**

You can use your benefit verification letter as proof of your:
- Income when you apply for a loan or mortgage, assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- Retirement or disability status; and
- Age.

To get your benefit verification letter:
- Sign into your account; and
- Select “Get a Benefit Verification Letter.”

Your letter will be displayed and you may print it or save it for later use.