

How to Set Up & Access Your IRS Account



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Why you need an IRS account:

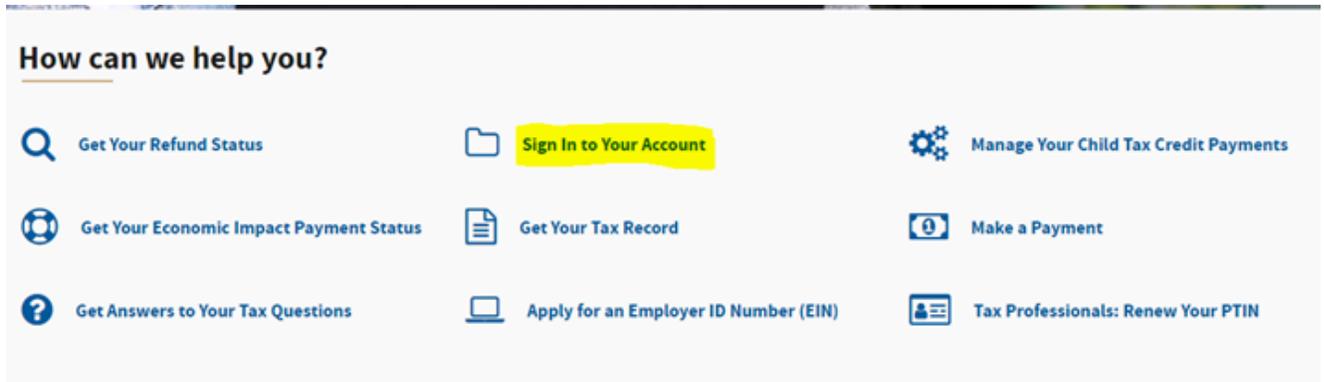
Having an online account with the IRS offers taxpayers many benefits. You can make payments and get a record of payments made. It's also important for retrieving account, tax return, and/or wage and income transcripts. An IRS account also allows you to obtain details of the Economic Impact Payments (i.e. Stimulus Checks) and Advanced Child Tax Credit payments you received. You can also enter into payment plans and more.

What you'll need to get started:

- A cellphone with an Internet connection and a camera to establish identification credentials
- A form of identification (driver's license, passport, or passport card)

How to set up your account

1. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/> and click on "Sign In to Your Account."



2. Click on "Sign In to Your Online Account."

Your Online Account

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Access your individual account information including balance, payments, tax records and more.

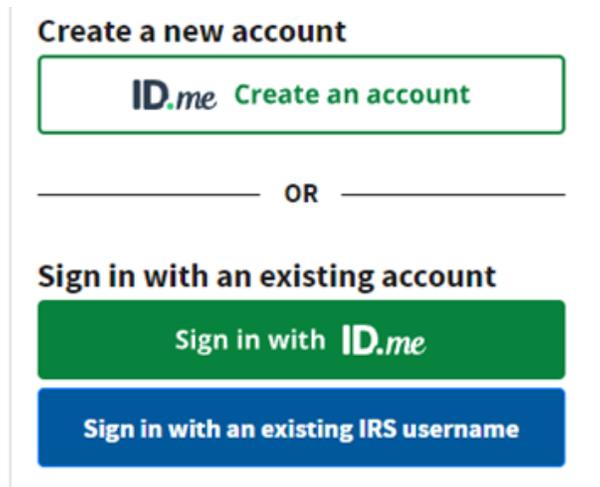
[Sign in to your Online Account](#)

If you don't have an existing IRS username or ID.me account, have your photo identification ready. More information about identity verification is available on the sign-in page.

View Your Balance

- View the amount you owe and a breakdown by tax year

3. To set up a new account, click **"ID.me Create an Account."** If you have an existing account, you can sign in now and skip ahead in this guide to **"How to Access Your Information."**

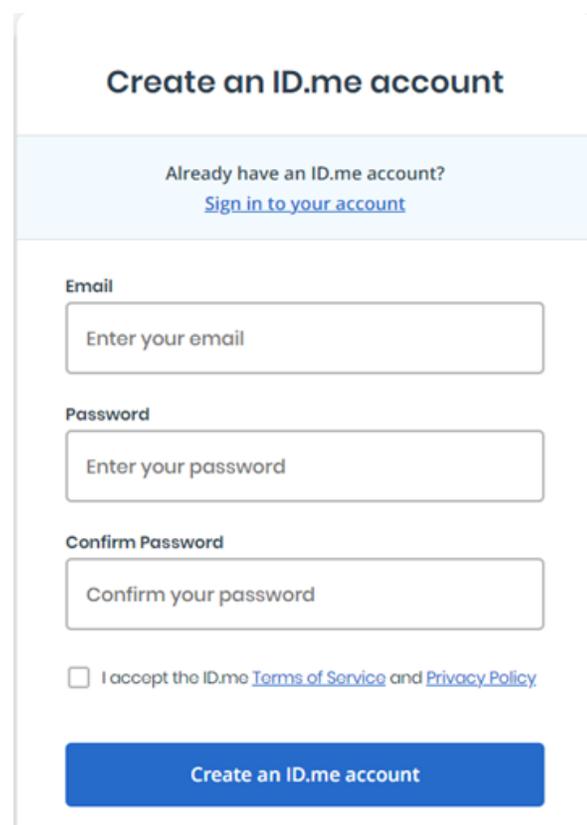


The screenshot shows a user interface for creating a new account or signing in. At the top, it says "Create a new account" and features a green button with the ID.me logo and the text "Create an account". Below this, there is a horizontal line with the word "OR" in the center. Underneath, it says "Sign in with an existing account" and provides two options: a green button labeled "Sign in with ID.me" and a blue button labeled "Sign in with an existing IRS username".

4. Fill in email address and password. Check **"I accept the ID.me Terms of Service and Privacy Policy"** and then click **"Create an ID.me account."**

Your password should be at least 8 characters long and include:

- lowercase letter
- uppercase letter
- number



The screenshot shows the "Create an ID.me account" form. At the top, it says "Create an ID.me account". Below this, there is a light blue banner with the text "Already have an ID.me account?" and a link "Sign in to your account". The form contains three input fields: "Email" (with placeholder text "Enter your email"), "Password" (with placeholder text "Enter your password"), and "Confirm Password" (with placeholder text "Confirm your password"). Below the input fields, there is a checkbox labeled "I accept the ID.me Terms of Service and Privacy Policy". At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled "Create an ID.me account".

5. Click "Continue."

6. You should receive a confirmation email. Open your email and locate the message from ID.me, then either click on the "**Confirm your email**" link in your email, or enter the code in your browser under "**Can't click on the button in your email?**" Then click "Continue."

CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS



We sent an email to [REDACTED]

If you cannot find the email, please check your spam folder. It can take up to 10 minutes to receive the email.

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After your email is confirmed, return to this page to continue.

Didn't receive the email? [Send it again](#)

Can't click on the button in your email?

Enter the 6-digit code from the email below.

Continue

7. Choose an option for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), then follow the prompts until you get to "Verify Your Identity."

Choose an MFA option

	Text Message or Phone Call Get a 6-digit code by text message or phone call.	Select
	Push Notification Approve sign-ins via push notifications sent to the ID.me Authenticator mobile app.	Select
	Code Generator Application Generate verification codes via code generator apps like ID.me Authenticator.	Select
	FIDO Security Key Use a physical security key (insert or tap) with your device (supported browsers only).	Select
	NFC-Enabled Mobile Security Key Tap a YubiKey™ security key to your phone using the ID.me Authenticator mobile app.	Select

8. Choose a verification method, then click "Start Now."

VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

We'll need permission to use details from your credit profile and other public sources to verify your identity. This will not affect your credit score. You will only need to verify your identity once.

Choose a verification method



Upload photos of your license or state ID
Upload photos of your driver's license or state ID, and enter your Social Security number.

Start now



Upload a photo of your passport
Upload a photo of your passport and enter your Social Security number.

Start now



Upload photos of your passport card
Upload photos of your passport card and enter your Social Security number.

Start now

9. Follow the prompts to upload your license, passport or passport card. You will also need to take a photo of yourself to verify your identity.

How to access your information

10. Once you're signed into your account, you can get the amounts of your Stimulus Checks or EIP Payment information by clicking "View Tax Records."

Account Status

Total Amount Owed
as of December 15, 2021:

\$0.00

[View Balance Details](#)

Payments

[MAKE A PAYMENT](#)

[View Payment Options](#)

[View Payment Activity](#)

Records

[View Advance Child Tax Credit Information](#) 

View Tax Records for:

- Key information from your most recent tax return
- Economic Impact Payment Information
- Downloadable tax records

[View Notices and Letters](#) for correspondence from the IRS

[View Authorizations](#) for online requests from tax professionals

11. Please scroll to the bottom to open the 2021 Economic Impact Payment information. Take a screenshot or print a copy of the **Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments** and the **Economic Impact Payment Information** documents to give to your tax preparer.

Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

If you received advance payments of the Child Tax Credit, you need to know the total amount to reconcile these payments on your tax return.

See the [Child Tax Credit Update Portal](#) for information or refer to the letter that will be mailed to you.

Economic Impact Payment Information

Expand the years below to see your Economic Impact Payment Information.

2021

Do not use this information when filing your 2020 tax return.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 enacted on March 11, 2021 authorized a third round of Economic Impact Payments for eligible individuals. This payment is a rebate paid as an advance refund of the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit, which is a refundable tax credit for tax year 2021. Most eligible individuals will have received their Economic Impact Payment before the filing of their 2021 tax return, which generally isn't due until April 15, 2022. Your payment amount shown here is for the most recent payment issued. We'll update this amount in early 2022 to the total amount that can be used when filing your 2021 tax return.

If you filed as Married Filing Jointly, this is the combined amount for both spouses based on your 2019 or 2020 tax return.

To learn more, see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Type	Amount
Economic Impact Payment 3	\$1,400.00

If you have any trouble, please visit this website:
<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/secure-access-how-to-register-for-certain-online-self-help-tools>

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