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## Creating an LOGIN.GOV Account

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# What is it / Why you need it



Login.gov is a single sign-on service for US government websites, allowing users to access multiple government services with the same username and password

- Users create a single unique login.gov account
- Enables login to various government websites and applications that partner with login.gov
- Login.gov implements strong security measures, including two-factor authentication and strong password requirements
- Login.gov has become the standard for logins for governmental sites:
  - **My Social Security (Social Security Administration)**
  - **VA.gov (Department of Veterans Affairs)**
  - **Trusted Traveler Programs (Homeland Security)**
  - **Department of Veterans Affairs**
  - **And many more...**

# Prerequisites

- Need a valid email address that will also be used as your LOGIN.GOV username
  - Need to use a strong password
  - Need a smartphone or computer with internet access

**Note:** Make sure you're ready to create your account. You'll need a unique personal email address that only you use, such as your main email address you use for daily email needs. **Don't** use an email address that **you share** with someone else, like your spouse or family, and be sure it's an email you'll continue to have access to in the future.

# Create Account

- Browse to: [www.login.gov](http://www.login.gov)
- Click on "Create an account."
  - Use Your Primary Email Address
  - Check "read and understand" box, then submit

Sign in

Create an account

## Create an account for new users

Enter your email address

Select your email language preference

You will receive emails from Login.gov in the language you choose.

English (default)

Español

Français

中文 (简体)

I read and accept the Login.gov [Rules of Use](#)

Submit

# Create Account

- Browse to: [www.login.gov](http://www.login.gov)
- Click on "Create an account."
  - Use Your Primary Email Address
  - Check "read and understand" box, then click on SUBMIT
- Respond to the message:  
"We sent an email to xxx@your-email.yyy with a link to confirm your email address. Follow the link to continue creating your account."

## Confirm your email

Thanks for submitting your email address. Please click the link below or copy and paste the entire link into your browser. This link will expire in 24 hours.

[Confirm email address](https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/email/confirm?confirmation_token=xZm8YaZsQzuUrz1VyhyS)

[https://secure.login.gov/sign\\_up/email/confirm?confirmation\\_token=xZm8YaZsQzuUrz1VyhyS](https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/email/confirm?confirmation_token=xZm8YaZsQzuUrz1VyhyS)

# Create Account

- Enter your password
- Password must be 12 characters
  - Use at least one uppercase
  - Use at least one special character
  - Use at least one number
  - No common names or phrases
  - No repeating characters
  - No repeating numbers

✔ You have confirmed your email address

## Create a strong password

Your password must be **12 characters** or longer. Don't use common phrases or repeated characters, like abc or 111.

Password

Confirm password

Show password

Continue

# Setup Security

- Set up a second layer of security:
  - Select Text Message (suggested method for initial setup)
  - Login.gov will send a unique one-time code to your mobile phone's text application based on the phone number you informed login.gov to use
    - The one-time code expires after 10 minutes, can only be used once
    - If the code times out, click on "Request new code"
- After receiving the code, type it into the "One-time code" field
  - You will be authenticated as a login.gov user
  - End of creating login.gov account

# Setup Completed

- Remember, you need a mobile device (“smart” cell phone) to receive a one-time code by text message.
  - If you have a landline, select to receive the one-time code by phone call instead.



# Authenticator App

- It is suggested to eventually add on a more advanced and secure authentication option for your government logins
  - This document is designed to get the user up and running using login.gov for their immediate needs
  - Use advanced authentication methods such as biometric (iPhone's face authentication, PC's fingerprint authentication, or use of an authenticator application from a major vendor)
    - Microsoft Authenticator, Google Authenticator, etc.
    - Mike C (GLVFA) uses both for different authentication needs
      - Recommend using Google Authenticator (ease of use) for login.gov. A sample screenshot of the authenticator shows different accounts (such as VA, SS, IRS, etc.). The one-time code displayed for the desired login site is entered into the government app login screen, and then the user is logged in safely (2-factor authentication = username/password & one-time code)

