



## What is an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

- **Six-digit number**
- **Assigned to eligible taxpayers**
- **Helps the IRS verify a taxpayer's identity**
- **Prevents someone else from filing a tax return with your SSN**
- **You get a new IP PIN every year**





## Who is eligible to get an IP PIN?

- IP PINs started in 2011
- IP PINs were reserved for confirmed victims on tax related ID theft
- In 2014, residents in certain states were invited to opt-in to getting an IP PIN
- Starting in mid-January 2021, all taxpayers can apply for an IP PIN
- Review the process at [www.irs.gov/IPPIN](http://www.irs.gov/IPPIN)





## Recap

- **IP PIN program helps prevent an identity thief from filing a tax return in your name**
- **Starting in mid-January 2021, all taxpayers who can verify their identities may obtain an IP PIN to protect their tax returns**
  - See IRS Publication 5367
- **There is a one-time registration process**
- **Details at [www.irs.gov/SecureAccess](https://www.irs.gov/SecureAccess)**





## Recap - Cont'd

- **Once you access Get an IP PIN tool in mid-January, your IP PIN is immediately revealed**
- **Use online tool each January to obtain your IP PIN**
- **If you can't verify your identity online, your option depends on your income**
  - **If income is \$72,000 or less: Form 15227**
  - **If income is more than \$72,000: Visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center**





## **Do not share IP PIN**

- **Do not share your IP PIN with anyone but your trusted tax provider**
- **If you do your own taxes, enter when asked by the software product**
- **No one will call, email or text you to request your IP PIN**

