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IMPORTANT DATES!

October

Oct. 15 - Monthly Payroll Deposits Due

Oct. 15 - Personal Tax Return on Extension Due

- Oct. 21 Monthly Sales Tax Returns Due
- Oct. 21 Quarterly Sales Tax Returns Due
- Oct. 31 3rd Quarter Payroll Reports Due

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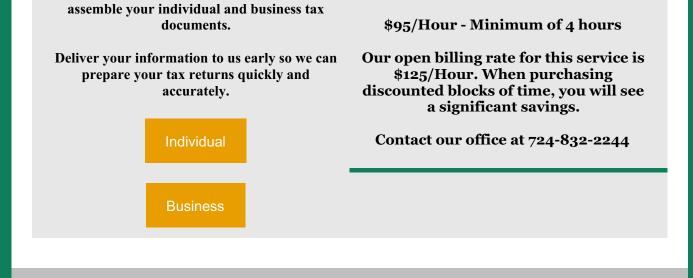


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IRS Online Account and Identity Protection PINS Protect Against Identity Thieves and Scammers

IRS identity protection PINs, or IP PINs, are a vital tool to protect taxpayers from identity thieves. The IRS encourages taxpayers to get an IP PIN and establish their **IRS Online Account**. These tools help guard against fraudsters trying to steal personal and financial information.

Important things to know about an IP PIN

- It's a six-digit number known only to the taxpayer and the IRS.
- The program is voluntary, though it's strongly encouraged.
- In cases of proven identity theft, taxpayers will be assigned an IP PIN.
- The IP PIN should be entered on the electronic tax return when prompted by the software product or on a paper return next to the signature line.
- Only taxpayers who can verify their identity can get an IP PIN.
- Tax professionals cannot get an IP PIN on behalf of their clients.
- Each IP PIN is valid for one year. When it expires, a new one is generated for security reasons.
- Some participants will receive their IP PIN in the mail. Others will have to log in to the <u>Get an IP</u> <u>PIN</u> tool to get their IP PIN.
- Taxpayers already enrolled in the program can log in to the Get an IP PIN tool to see their current IP PIN.
- Taxpayers with an IP PIN must use it when filing any federal tax returns during the year, including prior year tax returns or amended returns.
- IP PIN users should share their number only with the IRS and their tax preparation provider.
- The IRS will never call, email or text the taxpayer to request their IP PIN.

How to request an IP PIN

After a taxpayer verifies their identity, the <u>Get an IP PIN</u> tool lets people with a Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number to request an IP PIN online. Taxpayers should review the <u>identity</u> <u>verification</u> requirements before they use the Get an IP PIN tool.

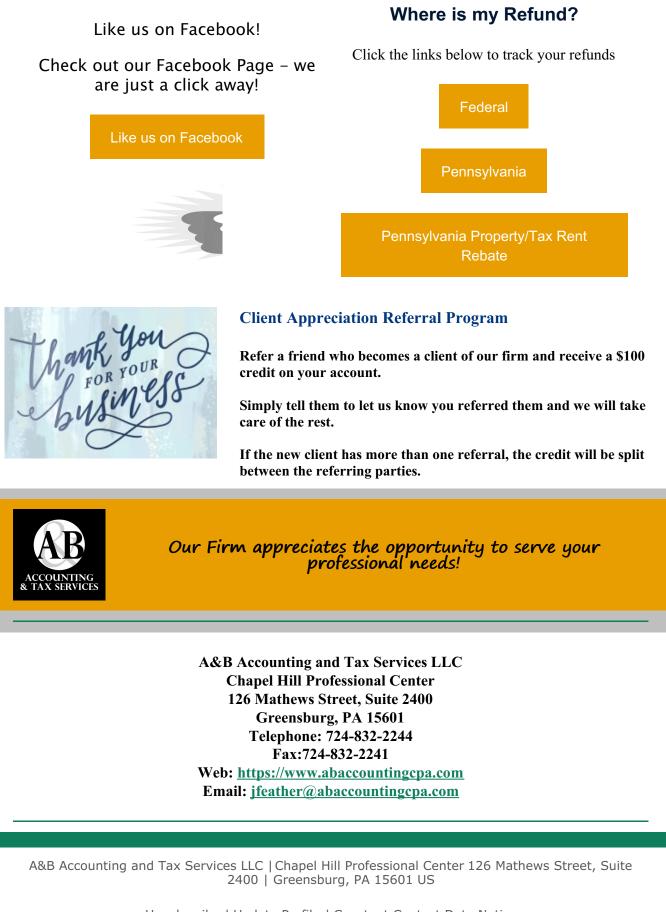
Tax professionals should advise clients affected by identity theft to request an IP PIN. Even if a thief has already filed a fraudulent tax return, an IP PIN could prevent the taxpayer from being a repeat victim of tax-related identity theft.

Taxpayers who can't validate their identity online can still get an IP PIN

Taxpayers who can't validate their identity online and whose income is below a certain threshold can file **Form 15227 (EN-SP), Application for an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number_PDF**. The 2024 threshold is \$79,000 for individuals or \$158,000 for married couples filing joint returns. Taxpayers who can't validate their identity online or by phone, those who are ineligible to file a Form 15227 or those who are having or technical difficulties can make an appointment at a **Taxpayer Assistance Center**.

More information

- IP PIN Opt-In Program for Taxpayers (English/Spanish Version), Publication 5367 (en-sp)_PDF
- Safeguarding Taxpayer Data, Publication 4557 PDF
- Data Security Resource Guide for Tax Professionals, Publication 5293 PDF
- Identity Theft Central



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