

Social Security Instructions:

Go to: <https://www.ssa.gov/apply>

Check the box next to “Retirement”

Then scroll down and click the blue button “Learn how to apply”

## Apply for Social Security benefits

### Who do you want to apply for?

- An adult (age 18 and over)
- A child (under age 18)

### What do you want to apply for?

#### Benefits

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Retirement</b> You worked and paid Social Security taxes.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b> Your current or ex-spouse worked and paid Social Security taxes.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Disability</b> You have a condition and expect it to affect your ability to work for a year or more or will result in death.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Survivor</b> Your spouse or ex-spouse worked and paid Social Security taxes before they died.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lump-Sum Death Payment</b> Your spouse worked and paid Social Security taxes before they died, and you are the surviving spouse.

#### Supplemental Security Income

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supplemental Security Income for Disability</b> You're blind or have a disability. And it's hard to pay for essentials like food, clothing, and a home.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supplemental Security Income for Age 65+</b> You're 65 or older. And it's hard to pay for essentials like food, clothing, and a home.

[Learn how to apply](#)

[Check eligibility](#) if you're not sure what to apply for.

[Apply for Medicare](#) if you only need health insurance right now.

Scroll down to the following section that says “**Submit an application**” and click on the blue button that says “**Start application**”



## Submit an application

Our employees will review the information you submit. If we need documents or more information, we'll let you know by mail or phone. To avoid delays, don't mail us documents unless we ask you to send them.

**Start application** Finish existing application

Select the box next to the statement “**I understand and agree to the above statements.**” Then click the blue “**Next**” button



## Social Security

The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration

### Apply for Benefits

#### Benefits Application Terms of Service

I understand that I am entering a U.S. Government System to file a benefit application with the Social Security Administration. I understand that I need to provide the Social Security Administration information to process the benefit application. I understand that failing to agree to the statements below will result in my inability to file a benefit application online, which may prevent the Social Security Administration from making an accurate and timely decision about eligibility for benefits.

I understand that:

- the Social Security Administration will validate the information I provide against the information in Social Security Administration's systems.
- my activities may be monitored within this site.
- any person who knowingly and willfully tries to obtain Social Security benefits falsely could be punished by a fine or imprisonment, or both.
- I am authorized to file a claim on my own behalf or on behalf of someone else with the Social Security Administration.

**I understand and agree to the above statements.**

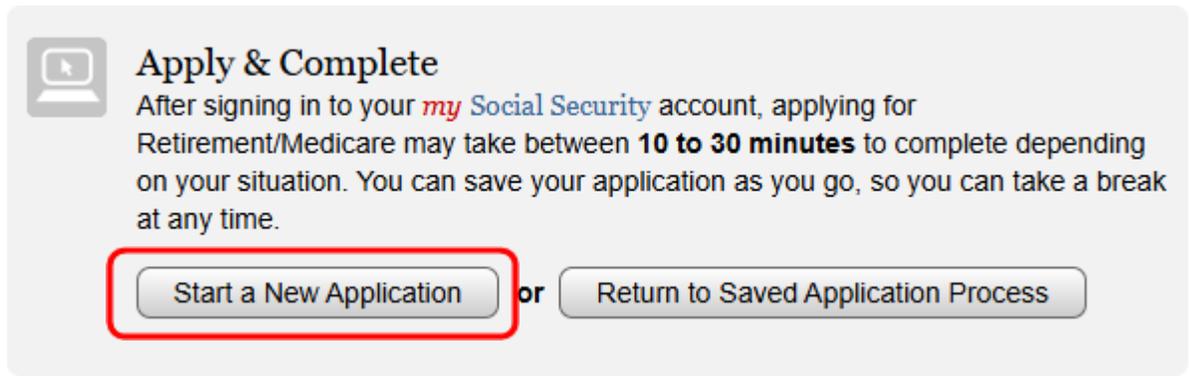
#### Information about Social Security's Online Policies

We are committed to protecting individual privacy and securing the personal information made available to us when you visit our website, SSA.gov. Our [Internet Privacy Policy](#) explains our online information practices.

**Next**

Exit

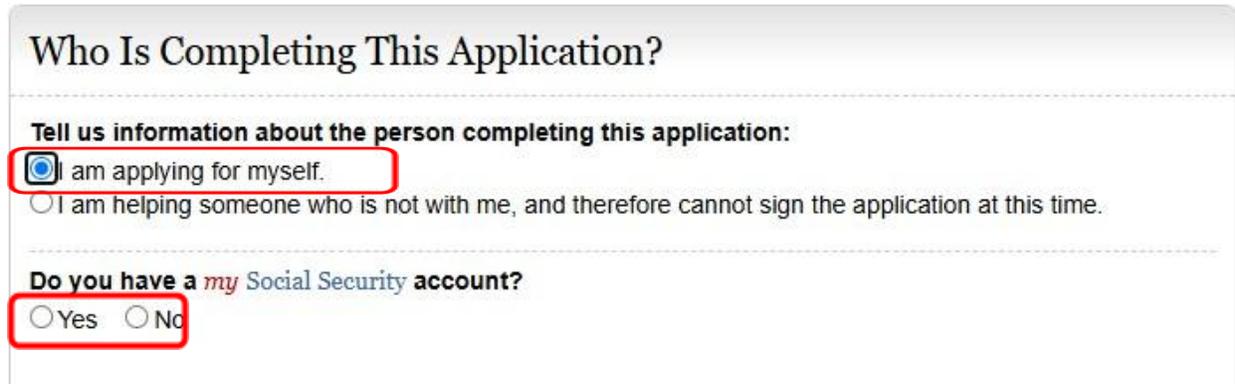
Scroll down to the section that says “**Apply & Complete**”. Click on the gray button that says “**Start a New Application**”



**Apply & Complete**  
After signing in to your *my Social Security* account, applying for Retirement/Medicare may take between **10 to 30 minutes** to complete depending on your situation. You can save your application as you go, so you can take a break at any time.

[Start a New Application](#) or [Return to Saved Application Process](#)

Select the button next to the statement “**I am applying for myself**”



**Who Is Completing This Application?**

**Tell us information about the person completing this application:**

I am applying for myself.

I am helping someone who is not with me, and therefore cannot sign the application at this time.

**Do you have a *my Social Security* account?**

Yes  No

Then choose the correct answer for you to the question “**Do you have a *my Social Security* account?**”  
It will take you to the following page:

You can select the “Create an account with Login.gov”

**OR**

If you already have an account, you can click on one of the login options

### Create an Account or Sign In

You only need one Login.gov or ID.me account

If you already have a Login.gov or ID.me account, do not create a new one. You can use your existing account to access Social Security services.

[Create an account Login.gov](#)

Sign in with \* LOGIN.GOV

Sign in with ID,mc

Sign in with Social Security Username

For accounts created before September 18, 2021

[Don't know which option to sign in with?](#)