

# How To Apply Online For Retirement, Spouses Or Medicare Benefits



*It's so easy! Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline)*

## Apply Online for Retirement/Spouses/Medicare Benefits

Select:

- "Start a New Application;" or
- "Return to Saved Application Process."

## Questions About You

- Name;
- Social Security number;
- Date of birth; and
- Gender.

## Re-entry Number

When you have successfully started your application, you will get a re-entry number that you can use to:

- Continue your application later if you need a break; and
- Check the status of your completed application.

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  Other Benefits   
  Remarks   
  Review & Sign

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**Total Earnings for 2013**

Show the total of all wages and tips earned in 2013. [More Info](#)  
 Estimate if necessary.  
 \$

Did you earn more than \$3340 a month in wages and tips in every month of 2013? [More Info](#)  
 Yes     No

Did you work outside the United States for salary, wages, or self-employment in 2013?  
 Yes     No

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**Total Earnings for 2014**

Show the total of all wages and tips that will be earned in 2014. [More Info](#)  
 Estimate if necessary.  
 \$

Will you earn more than \$3450 a month in wages and tips in every month of 2014? [More Info](#)  
 Yes     No

Are you working outside the United States for salary, wages, or self-employment in 2014?  
 Yes     No

- In this section...**
- Marriage Information
  - Prior Marriages
  - Children
  - Military Details
  - Employer Details
  - Self-Employment Details
  - Supplemental Information
  - Total Earnings**
  - Other Pensions/Annuities
  - When to Start Retirement Benefits
  - Direct Deposit Details

Questions About Your Work

- Employment;
- Self-employment;
- Military service;
- Work for a government agency; and
- Work history.

Questions About Your Benefits

- When you want your Social Security benefits to start; and
- Other benefits you may receive.

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**When to Start Retirement Benefits for Jonn Public**

It's your choice when to start retirement benefits. The earlier the date you start your benefits, the smaller your benefit. The later the date you start to receive benefits, the larger your benefit. This is an important decision, with several factors to consider before you choose the month your benefits should start. [More Info](#)

If you have applied for, or are currently receiving, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you must select the earliest possible month that you are eligible for benefits. An SSI recipient is required to pursue all other benefits when first eligible.

We have an estimator that can show you what your benefit amount will be under various scenarios. You may wish to end this session and go there now. You will be able to return and continue where you left off. The information you have already entered will be saved.

[Go to Estimator](#)

We need to know when you want to start benefits.

**Do you want benefits to start in 08/2014?**  
 Yes     No (Your other available options are 02/2014 to 12/2014.)

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**If you are eligible for both retirement benefits and spouse's benefit, do you want to delay receipt of retirement benefit?** [More Info](#)  
 If you are full retirement age and we determine that you are eligible to receive both a retirement benefit and a spouse's benefit, you may choose to delay receiving your own retirement benefit and receive only the spouse's benefit for now.  
 Yes     No

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Review Your Information and Finish Your Application

- Sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button at the bottom of the page;
- Get a receipt for your application;
- Get information on what to do next; and
- Receive a list of documents you may need to show us.

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**Electronic Signature Agreement**

Congratulations, you're just about ready to complete your application for retirement benefits.

Please read and accept the following statement to finish the application. If you are helping someone apply, then the person filing for benefits must read and accept this agreement by checking the box themselves.

I agree to notify the Social Security Administration promptly if I (or any person for whom I receive benefits) become employed or self-employed while outside the United States, change citizenship, or go (for 30 days or more) to any country other than the residence address I have entered in this application.

I agree to return any payments which are not due.

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically when I select the check box below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to apply for benefits and have provided the Social Security Administration with accurate information.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

I agree with the Electronic Signature Agreement above.

**⚠ You will no longer be able to change this information once you continue.**  
 When you select "Submit Now" below, you will be sending this completed information electronically to the Social Security Administration. Please make sure that everything is correct.

- In this section...**
- Overall Summary**



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