

# Create your Login.gov account

Follow these steps to create your Login.gov account.

1. Enter your email address at <https://secure.login.gov/sign up/enter email> to begin.

Choose an email address that you'll always be able to access. Once your account is created, you can add an additional email address, such as a work email or alternate personal address, to access your account.

2. Click the **"Submit"** button.
3. Check your email for a message from Login.gov.
4. Click the **"Confirm your email address"** button in the message. This will take you back to the Login.gov website.
5. Create your Login.gov password.

Passwords must be at least 12 characters. That's it! There are no other restrictions. You can even use more than one word with spaces to get to 12 characters. Try using a phrase or a series of words that only you recognize.

Your Login.gov password should be different from passwords you use for other accounts such as your bank account or email. Using the same password for many accounts makes identity theft easier.

6. Set up a second layer of security.

As an added layer of protection, Login.gov requires you set up a secondary authentication method to keep your account secure. This is referred to as two-factor authentication (2FA).

We encourage you to have more than one authentication method on your account. You can choose from several authentication options. If you select text or voice message as an authentication method, you are required to also add another authentication method.

## **More secure:**

- Authentication application
- Security key
- PIV or CAC card for federal government employees or military
- Face or touch unlock

**Less secure:**

- Text message
- Phone call
- Backup codes

[Learn more about each authentication option](#) to choose the one that is right for you.

7. Success! Once you have authenticated, you have created your Login.gov account.

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