

Getting an EIN Number



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Employer ID Numbers

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An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number, and is used to identify a business entity. Generally, businesses need an EIN. You may apply for an EIN in various ways, and now you may [apply online](#). **This is a free service offered by the Internal Revenue Service and you can get your EIN immediately.** You must check with [your state](#) to make sure you need a state number or charter.

- [Do You Need an EIN?](#)
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Apply for an EIN Online

Check out our Interview-style online EIN application. You will be asked to file a Form SS-4! We ask you the questions and you give us the answers. The application includes embedded help topics and hyperlinked keywords and definitions so separate

Related Topics

- [Taxpayer Identification Numbers TIN](#)
- [Correcting Business Information Where a Nominee Was Used](#)

Publication

- [Publication 1635, Employer Identification Number Understanding Your EIN](#)

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- [EIN Video](#)

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What type of legal structure is applying for an EIN?

Before applying for an EIN you should have already determined what type of legal structure, business, or type of organization is being established.

Choose the type you are applying for. If you don't see your type, select "View Additional Types."

- ☐ Sole Proprietor
Includes individuals who are in business for themselves and household employers.
- ☐ Partnerships
Includes partnerships and joint ventures.
- ☐ Corporations
Includes S corporations, personal service corporations, real estate investment trusts (REIT), regulated investment conduits (RIC), and settlement funds.
- ☐ Limited Liability Company (LLC)
A limited liability company (LLC) is a structure allowed by state statute and is formed by filing articles of organization with the state.
- ☐ Estate
An estate is a legal entity created as a result of a person's death.
- ☐ Trusts
All types of trusts including conservatorships, custodianships, guardianships, irrevocable trusts, revocable trusts, and receiverships.
- ☐ View Additional Types, Including Tax-Exempt and Governmental Organizations
If none of the above fit what you are establishing, there are several others to choose from.

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[What if I do not know what type of legal structure or organization to choose?](#)

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type

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Additional Types

Choose the type you are applying for. You can click the underlined terms for a description.

- ☐ Bankruptcy Estate (Individual)
- ☐ Block/Tenant Association
- ☐ Church
- ☐ Church-Controlled Organization
- ☐ Community or Volunteer Group
- ☐ Employer/Fiscal Agent (under IRC Sec 3504)
- ☐ Employer Plan (401K, Money Purchase Plan, etc.)
- ☐ Farmers' Cooperative
- ☐ Government, Federal/Military
- ☐ Government, Indian Tribal Governments
- ☐ Government, State/Local
- ☐ Homeowners/Condo Association
- ☐ Household Employer
- ☐ IRA
- ☐ Memorial or Scholarship Fund
- ☐ National Guard
- ☐ Plan Administrator
- ☐ Political Organization
- ☐ PTA/PTO or School Organization
- ☐ REMIC
- ☐ Social or Savings Club
- ☐ Sports Teams (community)
- ☐ Withholding Agent
- ☐ Other Non-Profit/Tax-Exempt Organizations

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[What if I still do not know what type of structure or organization to choose?](#)

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Organization

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Please confirm your selection.

Confirm your selection of **Political Organization** as the type of structure applying for an EIN.

What it is...

- A political organization is a party, committee, association, or fund (including a separate segregated fund described in section 527(f)(3) set up by a section 501(c) organization, or other organization).
- A political organization is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of:
 - Accepting contributions, making contributions, or both
 - Influencing the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to any public office or office in a political organization.

If you need to change your type of structure, we recommend that you do so **now**, otherwise you will have to start over and re-enter your information. Additional help may be found by reviewing [all types of organizations and structures](#) before making your selection.

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Why is the Political Organization requesting an EIN?

Choose **one** reason that best describes why you are applying for an EIN.

- ☐ **Started a new business**
Select this option if you are beginning a new business.
- ☐ **Hired employee(s)**
Select this option if you already have a business and need to hire employees.
- ☐ **Banking purposes**
Select this option if the reason for applying for the EIN is strictly to satisfy banking requirements or local law.
- ☐ **Changed type of organization**
Select this option if you are changing the type of organization you currently operate, such as changing from a sole proprietor to a partnership, changing from a partnership to a corporation, etc.
- ☐ **Purchased active business**
Select this option if you are purchasing a business that is already in operation.

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- ? [I do not see my reason for applying here. What should I choose?](#)
- ? [What if more than one reason applies to me?](#)

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business

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Who is the Responsible Party of the Political Organization?

The responsible party can be either an individual OR an existing business.

Please choose one:

- ☐ Individual
☐ Existing business

Choose Individual

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You selected individual. Please tell us about the Responsible Party.

* Required fields

Must match IRS records or this application cannot be processed.

The only punctuation and special characters allowed are hyphen (-) and ampersand (&).

First name *

Middle name/initial

Last name *

Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.)

SSN/ITIN * - -

Choose One: *

- ☐ I am a responsible and duly authorized officer or a board member having knowledge of this organization's affairs.
☐ I am a third party applying for an EIN on behalf of this political organization.

Before continuing, please review the information above for typographical errors.

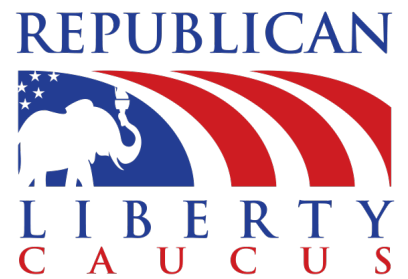
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Where is the Political Organization physically located?

* Required fields

The only special characters allowed for street and city are - and /.

Note: Must be a U.S. address. Do not enter a P.O. box. [For military addresses click here.](#)

Street *
City *
State/U.S. territory *
ZIP code *
Phone number * - -

Should the mail be directed to a specific person or department within your organization? (This is commonly referred to as the "Care Of" name.)

If yes, please enter name:

Do you have an address **different** from the above where you want your mail to be sent? * ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Affiliate Mailing Info Here

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Tell us about the Political Organization.

* Required fields

The only punctuation and special characters allowed are hyphen (-) and ampersand (&).

The legal name may not contain any of the following endings: LLC, PLLC, LC.

The trade name may not contain an ending such as 'LLC', 'LC', 'PLLC', 'PA', 'Corp', or 'Inc'.

Legal name of Political Organization *

Trade name/Doing business as (only if different from legal name)

County where Political Organization is located *

State/Territory where Political Organization is located *

Political Organization start date * Year

Closing month of accounting year *

Will you file [Form 8871 under Sec 527](#)? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

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? [What is Form 8871 under Sec 527?](#)

? [How should I input the legal name of the political organization so it meets IRS approved naming conventions?](#)

Affiliate Name and Starting Date Here

**Click YES Here
(You Will Need to Fill
Out Form 8871)**

Select Continue

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Tell us more about the Political Organization.

Do you have, or do you expect to have, any [employees who will receive Forms W-2](#) in the next 12 months? (Forms W-2 require additional filings with the IRS.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Choose NO Here

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How would you like to receive your EIN Confirmation Letter?

You have **two** options for receiving your confirmation letter. Please choose one below:

☐ **Receive letter online.** This option requires [Adobe Reader](#).
You will be able to view, print, and save this letter immediately. It will not be mailed to you.

☐ **Receive letter by mail.** The IRS will send the letter to the mailing address you provided - allow up to 4 weeks for delivery.

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Choose Receive Letter Online

Select Continue

Once you select "Continue" your EIN number will appear for download and you are done with the EIN process.