
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Privacy Act Statement

SSA 581 (Authorization to Obtain Earnings Data from the Social Security Administration)

Sections 205(a), 205(c)(2), and 223 of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect the information requested on this form. We will use the information you provide to obtain your earnings data or the earnings data of a deceased individual. Your responses are voluntary. However, failure to provide us with the requested information could prevent us from processing your request.

We rarely use the information you give us for any purpose other than providing the earnings information you request. However, we may use the information for the efficient administration of our programs. We may also disclose information to another person or agency in accordance with approved routine uses, including but not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office, General Services Administration, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Treasury);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you give us in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. We use the information from these programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

A complete list of routine uses of the information you gave to us is available in our Privacy Act System of Records Notice entitled, Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, 60-0059. Additional information about this and other systems of records notices and our programs are available from our Internet website at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security Office.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 2 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. ***Send only comments relating to our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.***