How To Apply Online For Retirement, Spouses Or Medicare Benefits

It’s so easy! Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline

Apply for Benefits

Getting Ready
Before you start your application, we recommend that you take a moment to prepare yourself by reviewing a few items:
1. Make sure you read the requirements to apply online for Retirement/Medicare.
2. Gather all of the information you need to complete the application process.

Apply & Complete
Applying for Retirement/Medicare may take between 15 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.

Follow Up
After you’ve finished, we will contact you with any updates or questions we may have about your information. You can also use our Applications Status to check on the status of your completed application online.

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.
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.

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.