

Social Security Card

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

You need a nine-digit Social Security number to get a job, collect Social Security benefits and get some other government services. But you don't often need to show your Social Security card. **Do not carry your card with you. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers.**

Original documents are needed to verify:

Citizenship- U.S. birth certificate or a U.S. passport.

Age- You must present your birth certificate. If one exists, you must submit it. If a birth certificate does not exist, we may be able to accept your:

- Religious record made before the age of 5 showing your date of birth;
- U.S. hospital record of your birth; or
- U.S. passport.

Anyone age 12 or older requesting an original Social Security number must appear in person for an interview. We will ask for evidence to show you do not have a Social Security number. Here are examples of documents you can use to prove a Social Security number was never assigned:

- If you lived outside the United States for an extended period, a current or previous passport, school and/or employment records, and any other record that would show long-term residence outside the United States could be used to show you do not have a Social Security number.
- If you have lived in the United States and you are applying for an original Social Security number, we may ask you for information about the schools you attended or we may ask you to provide copies of tax records that would show you were never assigned a Social Security number.

Identity- Only certain documents are accepted as proof of identity. An acceptable document must be current (not expired) and show your name, identifying information (date of birth or age) and preferably a recent photograph. For example, as proof of identity Social Security must see your:

- U.S. driver's license;
- State-issued non-driver identification card; or
- U.S. passport.

If you do not have one of these specific documents or you cannot get a replacement for one of them within 10 days, we will ask to see other documents. Any documents submitted, including the following, must be current (not expired) and show your name, identifying information (date of birth or age) and preferably a recent photograph:

- Employee identification card;
- School identification card;
- Health insurance card (not a Medicare card); or
- U.S. military identification card.

You May Be Able to apply for a Replacement Card Online. Call the Licking County Social Security office for more information-- (866) 737-3514

You can use a *my* Social Security [account \(https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/\)](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/) to apply for a replacement Social Security card online if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen age 18 or older with a U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses);
- Are not requesting a name change or any other change to your card; and
- Have a driver's license or a state-issued identification card

You must present original documents or copies certified by the agency that issued them.

If you need help with the cost of a replacement card, contact 2-1-1.

St. Vincent DePaul Society (740-349-0989) or Licking County Coalition of Care (740-670-9700) may help.