



## Apply for an Identity Protection PIN

Step 1: Go to Get An Identity Protection PIN | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

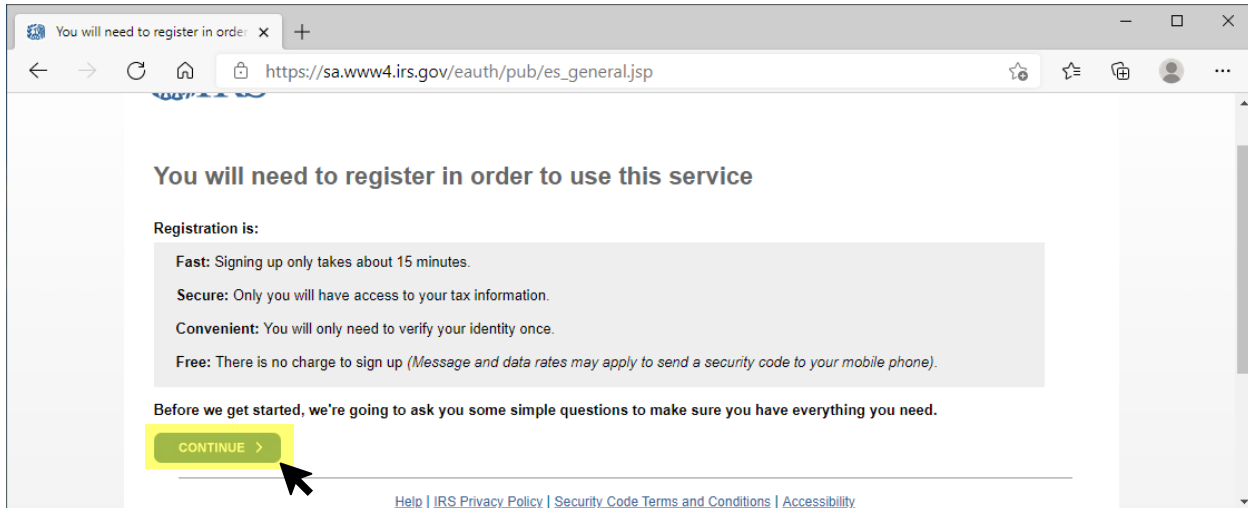
Step 2: Select *Get an IP PIN*

The screenshot shows the IRS website page for 'Get An Identity Protection PIN'. The page has a dark blue header with the IRS logo and navigation tabs: File, Pay, Refunds, Credits & Deductions, and Forms & Instructions. A search bar is on the right. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with categories: Students, Employees, Parents, Military, Seniors & Retirees, Businesses and Self-Employed, Charities and Nonprofits, International Taxpayers, and Government Entities. The main content area is titled 'Identity theft.' and includes a section 'How to get an IP PIN' with a list of bullet points. A yellow button labeled 'Get an IP PIN' is highlighted, with a black arrow pointing to it from the 'Note' section below. The 'Note' section states: 'Note: If you've already registered for an IP PIN, or have one of the following accounts, you should log in with the same username and password: Get Transcript, Online Account, Online Payment Agreement.'

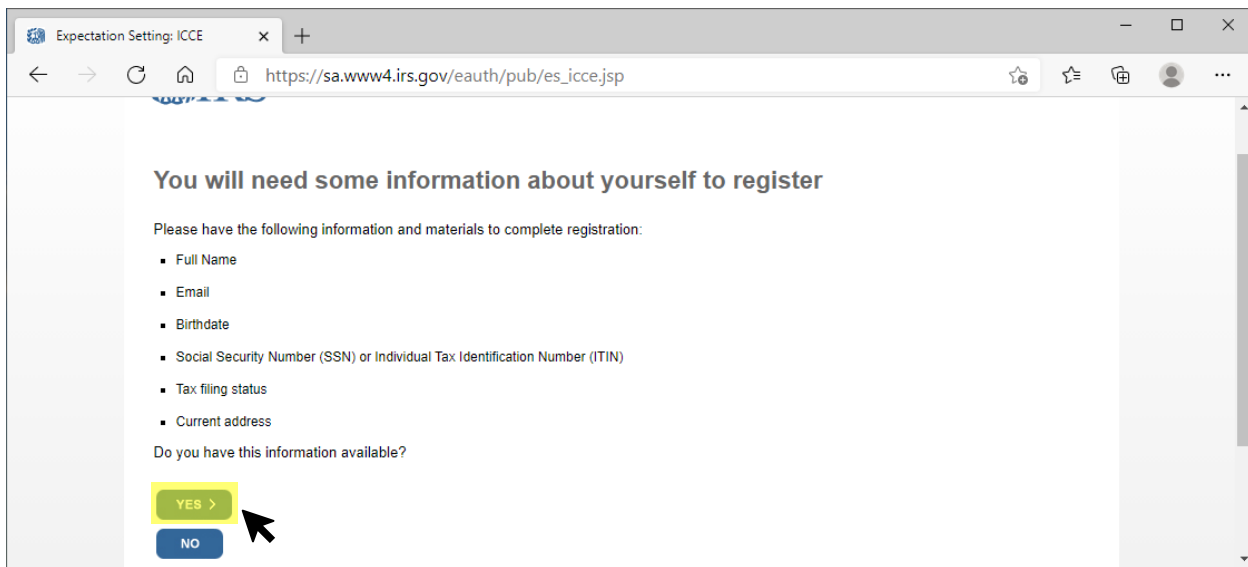
Step 3: If you do not already have an account, select *Create Account*. If you already have an account *Log In*

The screenshot shows the IRS login page. The URL in the browser is 'https://sa.www4.irs.gov/auth/pub/login.jsp?Data=VGFyZ2V0TG9BPUY%253D&TYPE=335...'. The page features the IRS logo and two main sections: 'Sign Up' and 'Log In'. The 'Sign Up' section has the text 'Don't have an account? Create account now.' and a yellow button labeled 'CREATE ACCOUNT >'. The 'Log In' section has the text 'Already have a username? Welcome back.' and a yellow button labeled 'LOG IN >'. A blue link 'Forgot Username' is below the 'LOG IN' button. At the bottom, it says 'PTIN and FIRE users need a separate account in this system'. Two large blue arrows point from the 'Log In' text in the step description to the 'LOG IN' button, and from the 'Create Account' text to the 'CREATE ACCOUNT' button.

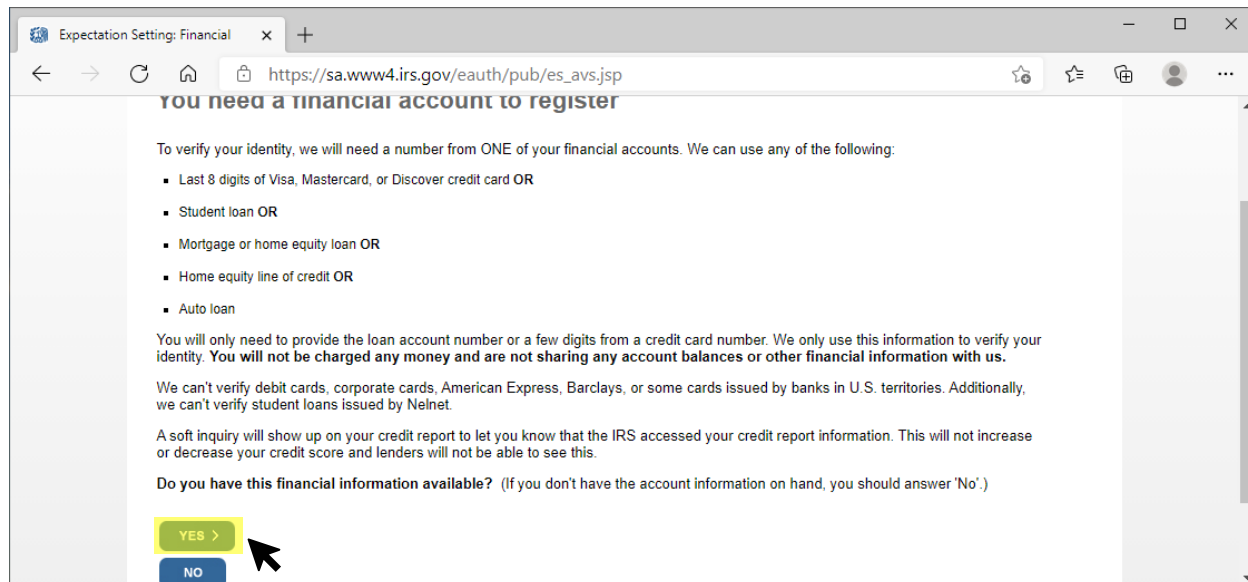
## Step 4: Select *Continue*



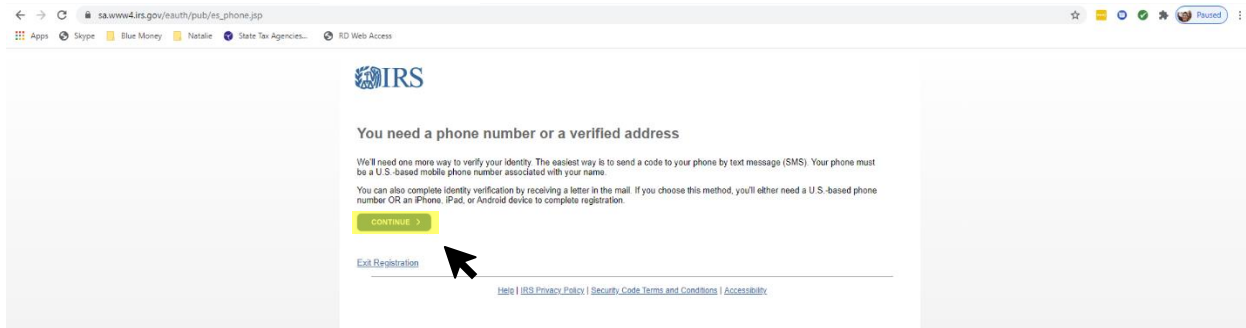
## Step 5: Make sure you have the information on the screen then select *Yes*



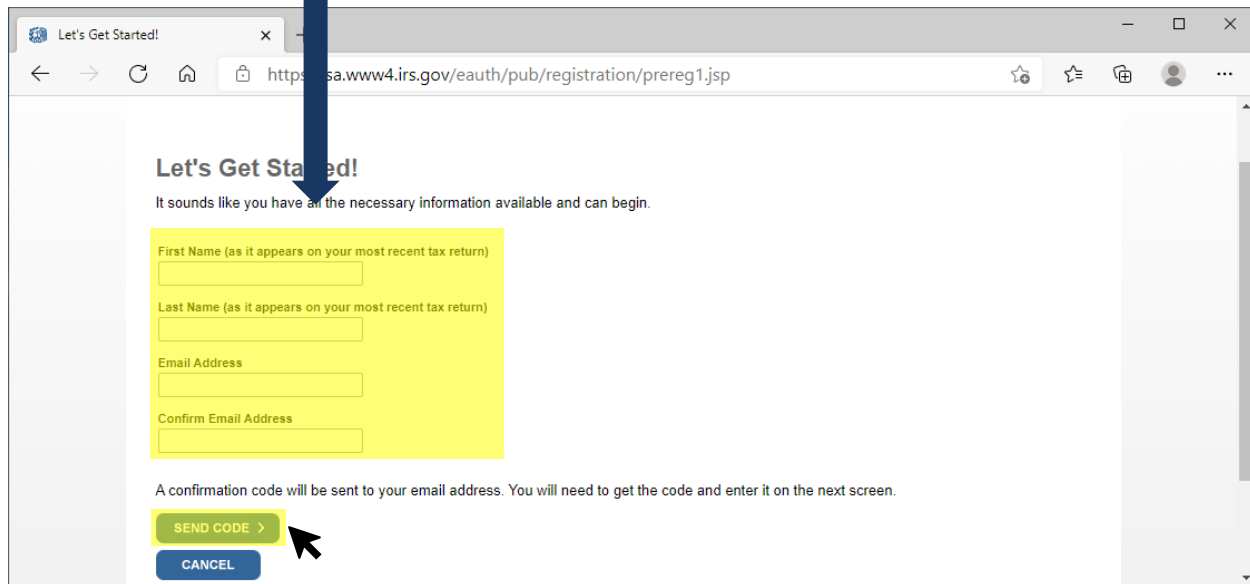
## Step 6: Again, verify you have the information that will be requested and select *Yes*



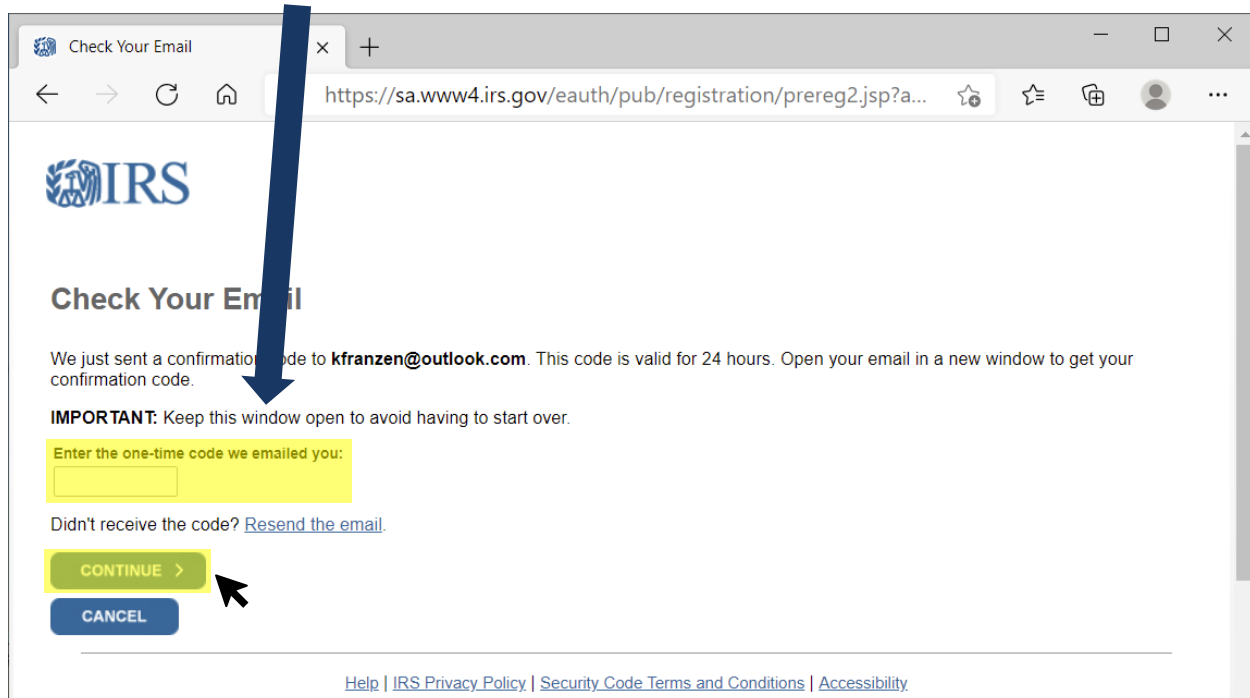
## Step 7: Select *Continue*



## Step 8: Enter your name and email address and select *Send Code*



## Step 9: Check your email and enter the one-time code then select *Continue*



Step 10: Verify your identity with some basic information. You will need to enter your date of birth, Social Security Number, Filing Status and Address Information then select *Continue*

Step 11: Verify your financial account number then select *Continue*

The screenshot shows the IRS website at the URL `sa.www4.irs.gov/eauth/pub/registration/idc_proving.jsp?actionName=IDProofProxy`. The main heading is "Verify your financial account number". Below this, a yellow box contains instructions: "To prevent identity theft and protect the security of your tax information, you will need to verify your identity. Provide one of the following active account numbers:" followed by five radio button options: "Last 8 digits of Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit card", "Student loan account number", "Auto loan account number", "Mortgage or home equity loan account number", and "Home equity line of credit account number". A sixth option is "I don't have a current credit card, student loan, auto loan, home equity loan, or mortgage". To the right, a sidebar titled "Financial account information" explains that the IRS uses this information for identity verification and that a soft inquiry will be performed on the user's credit report. At the bottom of the form, there is a "CONTINUE" button and a "Help" link.

Step 12: Verify your mobile phone number then select *Send Message*

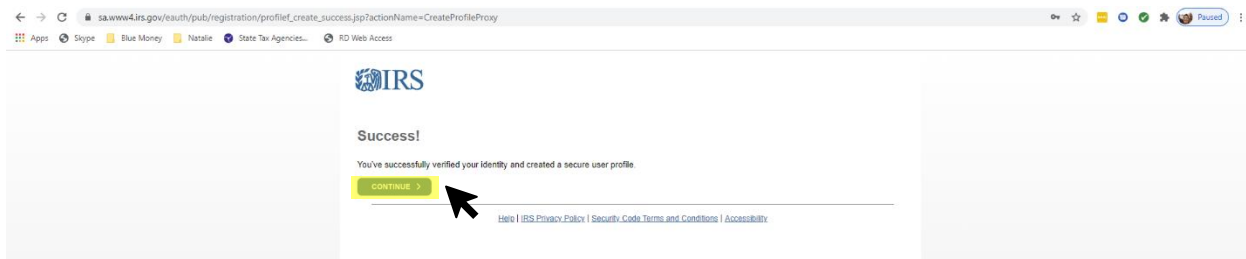
The screenshot shows the IRS website at the URL `sa.www4.irs.gov/eauth/pub/registration/id_phone.jsp?actionName=VerifyFinDataProxy`. The main heading is "Verify your phone number". The text explains that the user's personal information must match the subscriber information for their US-based mobile phone account. Below this is a text input field labeled "Enter your mobile phone number". Underneath the input field are two buttons: "SEND MESSAGE" and "CANCEL". A "Don't have a mobile phone or can't verify your phone number? Try these alternative options." section follows, with links for "Receive an activation code by postal mail" and "Review alternatives to using this online service". At the bottom, there is a "Help" link.

Step 13: Enter the 6-Digit Activation Code sent via text to your mobile phone then select *Continue*

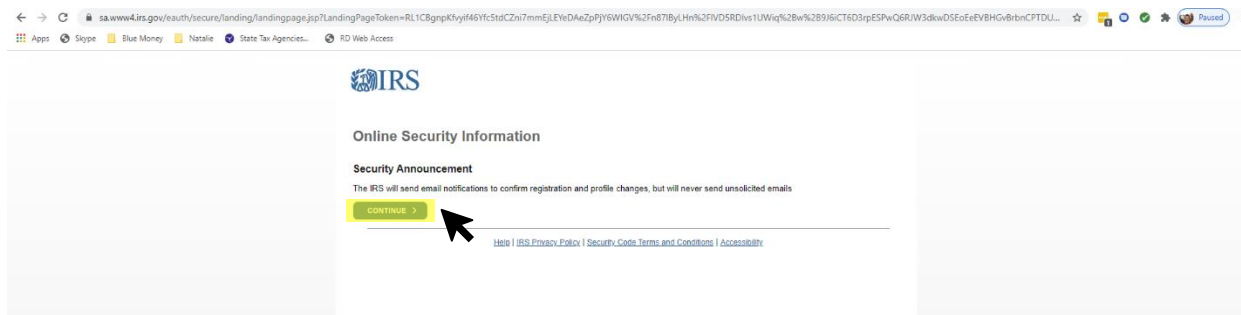
The screenshot shows the IRS website at the URL `sa.www4.irs.gov/eauth/pub/login_actcode.jsp?actionName=VerifyPhoneProxy`. The main heading is "We sent an activation code text message to your phone". Below this, it says "The message contains a 6-digit activation code. Please enter the code below:". There is a text input field labeled "6-digit activation code" with a "Try again" link to its right. Below the input field are two buttons: "CONTINUE" and "CANCEL". At the bottom, there is a "Help" link.

**Step 14: Create your User Profile by creating a Username and Password, choosing a Site Phrase you will recognize and choosing a Site Image you will recognize then select *Continue***

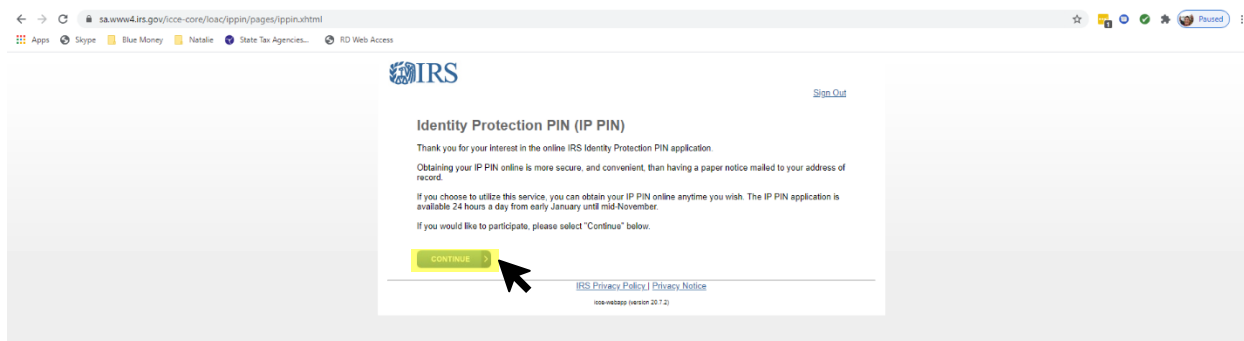
**Step 15: Success! Then select *Continue***



**Step 16: Security Announcement then select *Continue***



**Step 17: Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) then select *Continue***



**Step 18: You will then obtain your own personal IP PIN that you will need to keep with your tax records.**

