**Social Security Column**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY



We hope your holidays are filled with joy and warmth. During this and every season, we want you to know that we are here to serve you. Did you know that our online services are available to help you do business with us in an easy, convenient, and secure way?

You can create a personal *my* Social Security account online to:

* Apply for retirement, spouse, or disability benefits.
* Request a replacement Social Security card.
* Check your application or appeal status.
* Request a name change (in some cases you may have to visit your local office).

If you receive benefits, you can use your personal *my* Social Security accountto:

* Change your address. (Social Security benefits only)
* Change your direct deposit information. (Social Security benefits only)
* Instantly get proof of benefits.
* Print your SSA-1099.

If you do not receive Social Security benefits, you can use a personal *my* Social Security accountto:

* Get personalized retirement, spouse, or disability benefit estimates.
* Get your *Social Security Statement.*
* Get instant proof that you do not receive benefits.

You can use these services on the go or from the comfort of your home. Please visit [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) to view the services available to you.

If you cannot use our online services, you may be able to use our automated telephone services by calling 1-800-772-1213. Automated services are always available.

Have a safe, happy holiday season and know that we are here for you.

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