On behalf of the Social Security Administration (SSA), *[I/we]* are highlighting and encouraging you to create a *my* Social Security account. It is secure, free, convenient and personalized, regardless of whether you receive Social Security benefits or not. This [online](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/) tool allows you to obtain financial planning information as well as complete transactions.

If you are currently receiving benefits you can:

* Request a replacement Social Security card in most states
* Set up or change your direct deposit
* Get a Social Security 1099 form (SSA-1099)
* Opt out of mailed notices, if the notices are available online
* Print a benefit verification letter
* Change your address

If you are not currently receiving benefits you can:

* Request a replacement Social Security card in most states
* Get personalized retirement benefit estimates
* Get estimates for spouse’s benefits
* Get proof that you do not receive benefits
* Check your application status
* Get your Social Security statement

Now more than ever is the perfect time to create a *my* Social Security account. It is worthwhile to learn about your retirement estimates, verify your earnings history and if you are ready, begin the benefit application process online.

For more information about Social Security, visit <http://www.ssa.gov>