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Did you know you can e-file and sign your tax return electronically?

With IRS *e-file* and the Self-Select PIN opportunity, you can create your own five-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN), and sign your return electronically. There is nothing to mail! It's Totally Paperless!

If you are one of the millions of taxpayers who e-filed last year's return and signed it electronically using the Self-Select PIN, we want to thank you and hope you will continue to sign your return electronically.

What Are the e-file Benefits?

Over 40 million people use IRS *e-file*. Here's why:

- **Accuracy!** Your chance of getting an error notice from the IRS is reduced.
- **Security!** Your privacy and security are assured.
- **Electronic Signatures!** Create your own Personal Identification Number (PIN) and file a completely paperless return.
- **Proof of Acceptance!** You receive an electronic acknowledgement within 48 hours that the IRS has accepted your return for processing.
- **Fast Refunds!** You get your refund in half the time, even faster with Direct Deposit—in as few as 10 days.
- **FREE/Low Cost Filing!** Check out the IRS Web Site at www.irs.gov for IRS *e-file* partners offering free or low cost filing options (for those taxpayers who qualify)
- **Electronic Payment Options!** Convenient, safe, and secure electronic payment options are available.
- **Federal/State e-file!** Prepare and file your Federal and state return together and double the benefits you get from *e-file*.

Who can e-file their return using the Self-Select PIN?

- Taxpayers who file Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ;
- Individuals who prepare their own returns using tax preparation software; or
- Taxpayers who use a Tax Professional.
- First time filers must be sixteen or older on or before December 31, 2001.

How Can I e-file and Use the Self-Select PIN?

Use Your Personal Computer

A computer, tax preparation software, and Internet access are all you need to file your tax return and sign electronically. You can buy tax preparation software at various electronics, computer, and office supply stores; or you can download software from the Internet. You can also prepare and file your return completely on-line by using a tax preparation software package available on the Internet. Best of all, you can *e-file* your tax return from the comfort of your home any time of the day or night. Within 48 hours of filing, you will receive confirmation that the IRS has received your return.

Note: Taxpayers who qualify can find free and low cost *e-filing* opportunities through various IRS *e-file* Partners on the IRS Web Site. For a list of all software companies that participate in the IRS *e-file* program, visit our web site and click on “On-Line Filing Software Companies.”

Use a Tax Professional

You can prepare your return; take it to a tax professional, who is an Authorized IRS *e-file* provider; ask to sign it electronically using a five-digit, self-selected Personal Identification Number (PIN) and then have the tax professional transmit it electronically to the IRS; or

You can have a tax professional, who is an Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider, prepare your return and you sign it electronically using a five-digit, self-selected PIN and have your preparer transmit it for you electronically.

Depending on the tax professional and specific services requested, a fee may be charged.

If you use a Tax Professional,
Ask to Sign Your Return Electronically
using the Self-Select PIN!

How Do I Sign My Return using the Self-Select PIN?

Whether you use a tax professional or use your personal computer, when appropriate, the tax preparation software will prompt you to enter a five-digit PIN, which will be your electronic signature. The five-digits can be any combination of five numbers you choose with one exception. You cannot use all zeros (00000). If you are married filing a joint return, both you and your spouse will each need to create a PIN and enter it as your electronic signature. To authenticate your identity, the software will prompt you to enter your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your originally filed income tax return for 2000 (not from an amended return, Form 1040X).

If you filed married filing joint for Tax Year 2000, both you and your spouse must enter the same amount for your AGI. The AGI is on line 33 of Form 1040, line 19 of 1040A, line 4 of Form 1040EZ, and line I of the TeleFile Tax Record.

You will also be prompted to enter your date of birth (DOB). Prior to *e-filing*, make sure your DOB is accurate and

matches the information found in your annual “Social Security Statement,” provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Because different software packages may vary, consult your particular package for more details about the Self-Select PIN.

If you don't have your Tax Year 2000 income tax return, call the IRS to get a free transcript of your account.

Remember: If you choose to participate in the Self-Select PIN program, there's nothing to sign and nothing to mail; not even your Form(s) W-2.

Where Can I Find More Information On the Self-Select PIN?

Regardless of the *e-filing* method you choose, you may be able to participate in the Self-Select PIN program. Check the IRS Web Site for more information about the Self-Select PIN.