

ITIN Filer Resources

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number



What is an ITIN and who is it for?

ITINs let people without SSNs pay taxes. An ITIN is a nine-digit number formatted like an SSN.

Can an ITIN be used for anything other than filing taxes?

An ITIN can be used to open a bank account, apply for a credit card, obtain a WA driver's license, participate in internships, or become an independent contractor. Some rental housing applications will accept ITINs in place of SSNs.

How can I apply for an ITIN?

Applicants fill out a W-7 form and submit it to the IRS along with a completed tax return. It is recommended to apply in person at a Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC) where staff are authorized by the IRS to authenticate the applicant's documents and avoid mailing originals to the IRS.



Getting an ITIN can be a step towards establishing financial stability as a resident of the United States. For additional information on the application process and special considerations, please visit whatcomabc.org/money-management/taxes or scan the QR code.