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How to Get an EIN from the IRS

Every U.S. business needs an Employer Identification Number to hire, bank, and file taxes.

Fastest Method: Online

1. Visit irs.gov → “Apply for an EIN Online.”
2. Hours: Mon - Fri, 7 am - 10 pm ET.
3. Complete Form SS-4 prompts (≈10 minutes).
4. Download your confirmation instantly.

Alternate Methods

- Fax Form SS-4 to 855-641-6935 (4-day turnaround).
- Mail (4-week turnaround).

Pro Tips

Use the exact legal name from your articles. If electing S Corp status, submit Form 2553 within 75 days of EIN issuance.

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