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Types of TINs

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Social Security Number (SSN)

This is the most common TIN issued to US citizens, permanent residents, and certain temporary residents. They are nine-digit numbers assigned by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and used for tax reasons.

2

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

This tax ID is issued by the IRS to individuals who are not eligible for an SSN but are required to file taxes or be included on a tax return. Individuals receiving ITIN numbers include non-resident aliens, individuals without legal immigration status, and certain dependents.

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Employer Identification Number (EIN)

The number is specially issued to partnerships, businesses, estates, trusts, corporations, and other entities for tax identification and reporting purposes. Other EIN uses include payroll reporting, filing business tax returns, opening bank accounts, and other financial activities.

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Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN)

These are temporary tax IDs issued to adopted children who are in the process of being legally adopted but do not have an SSN. ATINs allow adoptive parents to claim the child as a dependent on their tax returns before the adoption is processed.

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Prepare Tax Identification Number (PTIN)

The IRS issues This number to individuals who assist others in preparing and filing their tax returns. The individuals include certified public accountants (CPAs), tax attorneys, enrolled agents (EAs), and other professionals..