

# Dept. of Revenue: Taxpayers encouraged to secure personal information with Dept. of Revenue Identity Protection PIN

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This week is National Tax Security Awareness Week, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is encouraging all taxpayers to further secure personal information with an Identity Protection PIN.

“With the increase in online information and activity comes an increased threat of identity theft,” said DOR Secretary Peter Barca. “The Identity Protection PIN program is yet another layer in our defense arsenal working to ensure the taxpayer data we are trusted to protect is safe.”

By mid-December, taxpayers will be able to request their Identity Protection PIN on the DOR website. The PIN will be used to file their 2021 individual income tax return and homestead credit claims.

The Wisconsin Identity Protection PIN is:

- Seven alpha-numeric characters
- Specific to Wisconsin returns and cannot be used on federal or other states' returns
- Entered in the signature section of Form 1, Form 1NPR, Schedule H, or Schedule H-EZ
- Year-specific:
  - o Any Wisconsin individual income tax return or homestead credit claim filed during the calendar year will use the same PIN (applies to 2021 returns and forward)
  - o Taxpayers who sign up for this program will receive a new PIN each year

Search “Identity Protection” on the DOR website for more information on the Identity Protection PIN program.

Follow DOR on Twitter as DOR partners with the Internal Revenue Service to bring more tips on how to prevent identify theft, avoid internet scams, and secure personal taxpayer information.