

A one-time process with lasting security benefits

Identity verification helps us combat fraudulent filings and scams that target our customers. Starting August 6, 2022, customers using our filing system must verify their identities. [Learn about identity verification benefits \(https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#benefits\)](https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#benefits).

Does this affect me?

You must verify your identity if you're a:

- ➔ Trademark attorney, including in-house counsel
- ➔ Canadian trademark attorney or agent
- ➔ Trademark owner, including corporate officers

You must be sponsored by a verified attorney if you're a:

- ➔ Paralegal
- ➔ Support staff for an attorney

Your sponsor will verify your identity. [Learn more about sponsorship. \(https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#sponsorship\)](https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#sponsorship).

ID verification options

Online verification

Paper verification

Verify online

In most cases, online verification through our contracted technology provider ID.me takes about 15 minutes. The only information the USPTO receives back from ID.me is your verified full name.

You'll need:



A smartphone or tablet



A government-issued photo ID

You'll provide:

- Your Social Security number and photo ID
- A selfie or a second ID document, depending on how you choose to verify
- Access to your credit profile header information (your credit score won't be affected)

[Learn about these requirements.](#)

(<https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#online>)

Verify online now with ID.me

ID verification is powered by ID.me.

If you already have an ID.me account you may already be verified.

Select your role to get started

Please select ▼

[Learn more about roles \(https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#roles\).](https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#roles)

About ID.me

ID.me is a third-party identity verification service. It uses bank-grade technology to safeguard your data.

[Learn how ID.me protects your information. \(https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/articles/360017705294-Is-my-information-secure-\)](https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/articles/360017705294-Is-my-information-secure-)

Need help?

See [ID verification help and FAQs \(https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#questions\)](https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply/identity-verification#questions) for additional instructions and more information.

For questions and help with the ID verification process, contact TEAS@uspto.gov.
(<mailto:TEAS@uspto.gov>)

(<http://www.uspto.gov/>)

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