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Switch Today!

By March 1, 2013, everyone getting the following federal benefits by paper check is required by law to switch to electronic payments – **direct deposit** to a bank or credit union account or to the **Direct Express**[®] Debit MasterCard[®] card:

- Social Security
- Supplemental Security Income
- Veterans Affairs
- Railroad Retirement Board
- Office of Personnel Management
- Department of Labor (Black Lung)

Don't wait until time runs out. [Learn more about this change](#). For additional information, visit www.fms.treas.gov.

Think electronic payments are at risk of cybercrime? [Get the facts](#) about electronic payments.

Want direct deposit?

It's fast and easy to get **direct deposit** of your benefits right into your checking or savings account.

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You also can call the [U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center](#) at (800) 333-1795 or visit your local bank or credit union.

With direct deposit, the U.S. Treasury sends an electronic message to your bank or credit union crediting your account with the exact amount of your benefit. The difference is, your check isn't printed or mailed.



If you don't already have a bank account or you are not sure you can get a bank account, you might like to try a Treasury-sponsored ETA account. [Learn more about an ETA account](#).

Prefer a prepaid debit card?

No bank account or credit check is required for the **Direct Express**[®] card, a Treasury-recommended prepaid debit card.

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You also can call the [U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center](#) at (800) 333-1795 or contact the local office of the agency proving your federal benefits, such as the Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs. [Learn more about the card's fees and features](#). Have questions about how to use the card? [Learn more](#).

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The **Direct Express**[®] card is a Treasury-recommended prepaid debit card for federal benefit recipients.

Learn the basics of electronic payments including the meaning of key words, ways to use the **Direct Express** card and more.



If you want to get your federal benefit payments paid by **direct deposit** to your checking or savings account, you'll need your:

- Social Security number or claim number
- 12-digit federal benefit check number
- Amount of most recent federal benefit check
- Financial institution's routing transit number*
- Account number* and type - checking or savings



*This information is often on personal checks.

If you want to get your benefit payments through the **Direct Express**[®] card, you'll need your:

- 12-digit federal benefit check number
- Amount of most recent federal benefit check

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