

How to Get Your TIN Online in Nigeria (Step by Step)

What is a TIN?

TIN means Tax Identification Number.

It is your unique 10-digit number that identifies you to the Nigerian tax authorities.

Think of it like your BVN, but for tax matters.

Once you have a TIN, the government knows you as a registered taxpayer.

Why You Must Have a TIN

You need a TIN because it is required to:

- Open certain bank accounts
- Apply for government jobs or contracts
- Process visas easily (many embassies ask for it)
- Claim tax refunds if you overpaid
- Avoid higher tax deductions from your income

Having a TIN also means you:

- Prove you are tax compliant
 - Access government services more easily
 - Build financial credibility
 - Avoid penalties (up to ₦50,000 for not registering)
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How to Register for Your TIN Online

Time needed: about 10 minutes

Cost: 100 percent FREE

Step 1: Visit the Official Portal

Go to:

<https://jtb.gov.ng/apply-for-tin/>

Click “Individual Registration.”

Step 2: Fill the Form and Upload Your Documents

You will be asked to provide the following:

- A valid ID
(NIN, Driver's License, International Passport, or Voter's Card)
- Your BVN
- Proof of address
(utility bill or bank statement)
- Passport photograph
- CAC registration details
(only if you are self-employed or run a business)

Make sure all details match your ID and BVN.

Step 3: Submit and Get Your TIN

- Submit the application
- Your TIN is usually issued within 24 to 48 hours
- Download your TIN certificate once it's ready

That's it.

Important Notes You Should Know

If You Are Employed

Your employer may have already registered you.

Ask your HR department for your TIN certificate.

If You Are Self-Employed or a Business Owner

You must first register your business with CAC.

After that, use your RC number to apply for your TIN.

Very Important Warning

TIN registration is completely free.

Anyone asking you to pay money to “process” your TIN online is most likely a scammer.

Quick Tip

Save your TIN certificate on:

- Your phone
- Your email

You will need it more often than you think.