

Here's what to tell your frontend team:

Frontend Integration Guide: New Signup & Authentication System

Overview

The signup system now supports 3 different flows:

1. **Individual Signup** - Solo practitioners
2. **Organization Signup** - Creating a new law firm/organization (becomes admin)
3. **Invitation Signup** - Joining an existing organization (becomes member)

1. INDIVIDUAL SIGNUP

When to Use:

- User wants a personal account
- No organization needed

API Request:



``http

POST /api/auth/signup

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "email": "john.doe@example.com",
  "phone": "+14155551234",
  "phoneCountry": "US",
  "password": "SecurePassword123!",
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Doe",
  "planType": "individual",
  "profile": {
    "barNumber": "123456",
    "specialty": "Criminal Law"
  }
}
```

Required Fields:

-  `email` (string) - Valid email
-  `phone` (string) - E.164 format (e.g., +14155551234)

- ☒ `phoneCountry` (string) - ISO country code (e.g., "US")
- ☒ `password` (string) - Min 8 characters
- ☒ `firstName` (string)
- ☒ `lastName` (string)
- ☒ `planType` (string) - Must be `"individual"`
- ☐ `profile` (object) - Optional, any custom JSON data

Response (201 Created):

```
```json
{
 "userId": 1,
 "email": "john.doe@example.com",
 "phone": "+14155551234",
 "firstName": "John",
 "lastName": "Doe",
 "subscription": {
 "planType": "individual_free",
 "status": "active",
 "role": null,
 "organizationId": null
 }
}
```
```

What Frontend Should Do:

1. Show success message: "Account created successfully!"
2. Redirect to `/login` page
3. User logs in to get access token

2. ORGANIZATION SIGNUP (Become Admin)

When to Use:

- User wants to create a new law firm/organization
- They will become the organization admin

API Request:

```
```http
POST /api/auth/signup
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{
 "email": "admin@lawfirm.com",
```

```

"phone": "+14155551234",
"phoneCountry": "US",
"password": "SecurePassword123!",
"firstName": "Jane",
"lastName": "Smith",
"planType": "organization",
"organization": {
 "name": "Smith & Associates Law Firm",
 "details": {
 "address": "123 Main St, New York, NY",
 "taxId": "12-3456789",
 "phone": "+12025555000"
 }
},
"profile": {
 "title": "Senior Partner"
}
}
...

```

#### ### \*\*Required Fields:\*\*

- ☒ `email`, `phone`, `phoneCountry`, `password`, `firstName`, `lastName` (same as individual)
- ☒ `planType` (string) - Must be `"organization"
- ☒ `organization` (object) - **\*\*REQUIRED\*\***
  - ☒ `organization.name` (string) - Organization name
  - ☐ `organization.details` (object) - Optional metadata
- ☐ `profile` (object) - Optional user metadata

#### ### \*\*Response (201 Created):\*\*

```

```json
{
  "userId": 2,
  "email": "admin@lawfirm.com",
  "phone": "+14155551234",
  "firstName": "Jane",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "subscription": {
    "planType": "organization_basic",
    "status": "active",
    "role": "admin",
    "organizationId": 1
  },
  "organization": {
    "id": 1,

```

```

    "name": "Smith & Associates Law Firm",
    "details": {
      "address": "123 Main St, New York, NY",
      "taxId": "12-3456789",
      "phone": "+12025555000"
    }
  }
}
...

```

What Frontend Should Do:

1. Show success: "Organization created! You are now the admin."
2. Redirect to `/login`
3. After login, user will have admin privileges

3. INVITATION SIGNUP (Join Organization)

When to Use:

- User received an invitation email
- They clicked "Accept Invitation" button
- URL has `?token=xxx` parameter

Frontend Flow:

****Step 1: Detect Invitation Token****

```

```javascript
// On signup page load
const urlParams = new URLSearchParams(window.location.search);
const inviteToken = urlParams.get('token');

```

```

if (inviteToken) {
 // Show special UI: "You're joining [Organization Name]"
 // Pre-fill email if available from backend
}
...

```

**\*\*Step 2: API Request\*\***

```

```http
POST /api/auth/signup
Content-Type: application/json

{

```

```

    "email": "member@example.com",
    "phone": "+14155552222",
    "phoneCountry": "US",
    "password": "MemberPass123!",
    "firstName": "Bob",
    "lastName": "Johnson",
    "inviteToken": "a1b2c3d4-e5f6-7890-abcd-ef1234567890"
  }
  ...

```

Required Fields:

- ☒ `email`, `phone`, `phoneCountry`, `password`, `firstName`, `lastName`
- ☒ `inviteToken` (string) - From URL query parameter
- ☒ ****DO NOT**** include `planType` or `organization` - token handles everything

Response (201 Created):

```

``json
{
  "userId": 3,
  "email": "member@example.com",
  "phone": "+14155552222",
  "firstName": "Bob",
  "lastName": "Johnson",
  "subscription": {
    "planType": "organization_basic",
    "status": "active",
    "role": "member",
    "organizationId": 1
  },
  "organization": {
    "id": 1,
    "name": "Smith & Associates Law Firm"
  }
}
...

```

What Frontend Should Do:

1. Show success: "You've joined Smith & Associates Law Firm!"
2. Redirect to `/login`
3. After login, user will be a member (not admin)

4. LOGIN (All User Types)

API Request:

``http

POST /api/auth/login

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "email": "admin@lawfirm.com",
  "password": "SecurePassword123!"
}
```

Response (200 OK):

``json

```
{
  "sessionId": "550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000",
  "accessToken":
"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzZXNzaW9uSWQiOiI1NTBIODQwMC...",
  "refreshToken": "refresh_abc123def456",
  "expiresAt": "2025-11-23T21:00:00.000Z",
  "refreshExpiresAt": "2025-12-23T20:00:00.000Z",
  "context": {
    "sessionId": "550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000",
    "userId": 2,
    "organizationId": 1,
    "roles": ["admin"],
    "planHints": {
      "planType": "organization_basic",
      "source": "organization"
    },
    "loginType": "organization"
  },
  "user": {
    "id": 2,
    "email": "admin@lawfirm.com",
    "phone": "+14155551234",
    "firstName": "Jane",
    "lastName": "Smith",
    "subscription": {
      "planType": "organization_basic",
      "role": "admin",
      "organizationId": 1
    },
    "organization": {
```

```

    "id": 1,
    "name": "Smith & Associates Law Firm"
  }
}
}
...

```

What Frontend Should Store:

```

```javascript
// Store in localStorage/sessionStorage
const authData = {
 // Tokens - needed for API calls
 accessToken: response.accessToken,
 refreshToken: response.refreshToken,
 expiresAt: response.expiresAt,

 // User info
 userId: response.user.id,
 email: response.user.email,
 firstName: response.user.firstName,
 lastName: response.user.lastName,

 // Authorization - IMPORTANT for UI decisions
 role: response.user.subscription.role, // 'admin', 'member', or null
 organizationId: response.user.subscription.organizationId, // 1 or null
 organizationName: response.user.organization?.name, // "Smith & Associates" or null
 planType: response.user.subscription.planType, // 'individual_free' or 'organization_basic'
 loginType: response.context.loginType // 'individual' or 'organization'
};

localStorage.setItem('auth', JSON.stringify(authData));
...

```

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## \*\*5. UI LOGIC BASED ON LOGIN TYPE\*\*

### \*\*Individual User:\*\*

```

```javascript
if (authData.loginType === 'individual') {
  // Show: Personal workspace
  // Hide: Organization features, invite buttons
}

```

```
...
```

```
### **Organization Admin:**
```

```
```javascript
```

```
if (authData.loginType === 'organization' && authData.role === 'admin') {
 // Show: "Invite Members" button
 // Show: "View Members" page
 // Show: Organization settings
 // Can make requests to /organizations/:id/invitations
}
```

```
...
```

```
Organization Member:
```

```
```javascript
```

```
if (authData.loginType === 'organization' && authData.role === 'member') {  
  // Show: Organization name in header  
  // Show: "You are a member of [Org Name]"  
  // Hide: Admin controls (invite, manage members)  
  // Cannot access admin endpoints  
}
```

```
...
```

```
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```

```
## **6. MAKING AUTHENTICATED API CALLS**
```

```
### **Always Include Authorization Header:**
```

```
```javascript
```

```
// Example: Invite members (admin only)
fetch('http://localhost:3000/api/organizations/1/invitations', {
 method: 'POST',
 headers: {
 'Authorization': `Bearer ${authData.accessToken}`,
 'Content-Type': 'application/json'
 },
 body: JSON.stringify({
 emails: ['member1@example.com', 'member2@example.com']
 })
});
...
```

```
Setup Axios Interceptor (Recommended):
```



```

```javascript
import axios from 'axios';

axios.interceptors.request.use(config => {
  const auth = JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem('auth'));
  if (auth?.accessToken) {
    config.headers.Authorization = `Bearer ${auth.accessToken}`;
  }
  return config;
});

// Now all axios calls include the token automatically
axios.post('/api/organizations/1/invitations', {
  emails: ['member@example.com']
});
```

```

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## ## \*\*7. ERROR HANDLING\*\*

### ### \*\*Common Errors:\*\*

| Status | Error                            | Meaning                                 | Frontend Action                             |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 400    | "Missing required signup fields" | Missing email/phone/password/etc        | Show validation errors                      |
| 400    | "Organization name required"     | planType='organization' but no org name | Prompt for organization name                |
| 400    | "Email already exists"           | Duplicate email                         | Show "Email already registered. Try login." |
| 401    | "Authentication required"        | No token or invalid token               | Redirect to login                           |
| 403    | "Admin access required"          | User is member, not admin               | Show "Contact your organization admin"      |
| 403    | "Email verification required"    | Email not verified                      | Show "Check your email to verify"           |
| 404    | "Invalid invitation token"       | Token doesn't exist or expired          | Show "Invitation expired. Contact admin."   |

### ### \*\*Example Error Handling:\*\*

```

```javascript
try {
  const response = await fetch('/api/auth/signup', {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },

```

```

    body: JSON.stringify(signupData)
  });

  if (!response.ok) {
    const error = await response.json();
    // Show error.error to user
    alert(error.error);
  } else {
    const data = await response.json();
    // Success!
    navigate('/login');
  }
} catch (err) {
  alert('Network error. Please try again.');
```

```

}
...
---
```

8. SAMPLE FRONTEND SIGNUP COMPONENT

```

``jsx
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
import { useNavigate, useSearchParams } from 'react-router-dom';

function SignupPage() {
  const navigate = useNavigate();
  const [searchParams] = useSearchParams();
  const inviteToken = searchParams.get('token');

  const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
    email: "",
    phone: "",
    phoneCountry: 'US',
    password: "",
    firstName: "",
    lastName: "",
    planType: inviteToken ? null : 'individual',
    organizationName: ""
  });

  const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
    e.preventDefault();

```

```

const payload = {
  email: formData.email,
  phone: formData.phone,
  phoneCountry: formData.phoneCountry,
  password: formData.password,
  firstName: formData.firstName,
  lastName: formData.lastName
};

// Add invitation token if present
if (inviteToken) {
  payload.inviteToken = inviteToken;
} else {
  payload.planType = formData.planType;

  // Add organization details if creating org
  if (formData.planType === 'organization') {
    payload.organization = {
      name: formData.organizationName
    };
  }
}

try {
  const response = await fetch('/api/auth/signup', {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
    body: JSON.stringify(payload)
  });

  if (response.ok) {
    navigate('/login');
  } else {
    const error = await response.json();
    alert(error.error);
  }
} catch (err) {
  alert('Error: ' + err.message);
}

return (
  <div>
    <h1>

```

```
{inviteToken ? 'Join Organization' : 'Sign Up'}  
</h1>
```

```
<form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
  <input  
    type="email"  
    placeholder="Email"  
    value={formData.email}  
    onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, email: e.target.value})}  
    required  
  />
```

```
  <input  
    type="tel"  
    placeholder="Phone (+14155551234)"  
    value={formData.phone}  
    onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, phone: e.target.value})}  
    required  
  />
```

```
  <input  
    type="password"  
    placeholder="Password"  
    value={formData.password}  
    onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, password: e.target.value})}  
    required  
  />
```

```
  <input  
    type="text"  
    placeholder="First Name"  
    value={formData.firstName}  
    onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, firstName: e.target.value})}  
    required  
  />
```

```
  <input  
    type="text"  
    placeholder="Last Name"  
    value={formData.lastName}  
    onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, lastName: e.target.value})}  
    required  
  />
```

```

    { /* Only show plan selection if NOT invitation signup */
    { !inviteToken && (
      <div>
        <label>
          <input
            type="radio"
            value="individual"
            checked={formData.planType === 'individual'}
            onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, planType: e.target.value})}
          />
          Individual Account
        </label>

        <label>
          <input
            type="radio"
            value="organization"
            checked={formData.planType === 'organization'}
            onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, planType: e.target.value})}
          />
          Create Organization
        </label>

        {formData.planType === 'organization' && (
          <input
            type="text"
            placeholder="Organization Name"
            value={formData.organizationName}
            onChange={(e) => setFormData({...formData, organizationName: e.target.value})}
            required
          />
        )}
      </div>
    )}

    <button type="submit">Sign Up</button>
  </form>
</div>
);
}
...

---

```

9. QUICK REFERENCE

Signup Endpoints:

- **POST** `/api/auth/signup` - All signup types

Signup Types:

Type	`planType`	`organization`	`inviteToken`	Result
Individual	"individual"	✗ Not needed	✗ Not needed	Solo account
Organization Admin	"organization"	✓ Required	✗ Not needed	New org, user is admin
Invited Member	✗ Omit	✗ Omit	✓ Required	Join existing org as member

Response Fields to Store:

- `accessToken` - For API authentication
- `user.subscription.role` - Show/hide admin features
- `user.subscription.organizationId` - Which org user belongs to
- `user.organization.name` - Display in UI
- `context.loginType` - "individual" or "organization"

****Questions?**** Let me know if you need clarification on any part! 🚀