

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

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## \*\*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

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#### ## \*\*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)

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## ## \*\*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":
 "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NilsInR5cCl6IkpxVCJ9.eyJzZXNzaW9uSWQiOjI1NTBIODQwMC...",
 "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));
```

```

5. UI LOGIC BASED ON LOGIN TYPE

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

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### \*\*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']
});
```

```

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.');
}
...

```

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## ## \*\*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! 