

Your EIN Setup Guide

An **EIN (Employer Identification Number)** is your business's federal tax ID — like a Social Security Number, but for your LLC.

Why you need one

- Open a business bank account
- File taxes
- Hire employees
- Set up Stripe, PayPal, or Shopify

It's completely free to get directly from the IRS. No lawyers or third-party fees required.

How to Get Your EIN — Step-by-Step

1. Go to the official IRS site: irs.gov/ein
 2. Click "Apply Online Now" (desktop only)
 3. Select "Limited Liability Company (LLC)" as entity
 4. Enter your info:
 - State of LLC
 - Number of members
 - Your SSN for verification
 5. Choose "Started a new business" as reason
 6. Receive EIN instantly and download the PDF letter
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Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Never pay for an EIN — it's always free
- Form your LLC first before applying

- Only use the official IRS site (not third-party services)
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After You Get Your EIN

You're now ready to:

- Open your business bank account
 - Connect Stripe or Shopify
 - Start managing taxes and expenses
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Need help with the rest?

Start With Genie is a \$49 personal LLC assistant that gives you:

- State-specific filing instructions
- A customizable operating agreement
- A clean dashboard that guides you step-by-step

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