

BENEFITS BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Social Security Statements Now Available Online
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Most employees are required to pay a Social Security tax from their salary. If you didn't already know, it's the "OASDI tax" shown on your [Earnings & Leave Statement](#). This means that once you [earn at least 40 credits](#), you will be eligible for a benefit when you reach [eligibility age](#). In the past, Social Security mailed you a statement each year to explain your future benefit. However, several years ago they decided to stop the mailings due to the cost.

Now there is a new secure website that allows you to access your Social Security statement online at any time. You will first need to verify your identity to set up an account to access to your online statement. The website is <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement>.

Your Social Security statement provides:

- Estimates of the retirement and disability benefits you may receive
- Estimates of benefits your family may get when you receive Social Security or die
- A list of your lifetime earnings according to Social Security's records
- The estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid
- Information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare

It's a good practice to review it periodically to familiarize yourself with the information, and to ensure that your earnings are accurately posted to your Social Security records. Read the [Snapshot Publication](#) for the basics about your Social Security benefit.

Go to <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/socialsecurity.html> for additional Social Security links.

Questions?

Contact your [Benefits Specialist](#) with questions regarding this Bulletin.

For additional information, the Pay & Benefits website is available online at <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/paybenefitslinks.html>.