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WHAT IS AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)?



An employer identification number (EIN) is the permanent Federal Employer Identification Number for your business. An EIN identifies tax returns filed by the business with the IRS.



DO I NEED AN EIN?

You will need an EIN if you pay wages, have a self-employed retirement plan, operate your business as a partnership or corporation, or if you must file any of these tax returns: employment, excise, fiduciary, or alcohol, tobacco, and firearms.



WHY IS MY BANK REQUESTING A COPY OF MY EIN?

Most banks require an EIN to open business accounts. Therefore, even if you do not have to apply for an EIN, you may need an EIN to open a business bank account. The IRS will give you an EIN even if you do not need it for IRS purposes.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN EIN?

The fastest and easiest way to get an EIN is online. Just go to www.irs.gov and type in the keyword EIN. From there you will find out more information including the online application.

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We do not prepare tax returns. Please look at specific state and local tax obligations that may apply to you or your small business.

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