

The Selective Service System  
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### HOW TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE

The Selective Service System, and the registration requirement for young men, preserves America's ability to provide manpower to the U.S. Armed Forces in an emergency. Here is a summary of how to obtain public information.

Records of registrants who were born on or after January 1, 1960

### AN INDIVIDUAL'S SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER

To obtain your own, or someone else's, Selective Service number, call Selective Service at (847) 688-6888. Your call will be answered by an automated voice processing system. You must know the individual's social security number and date of birth to use this system.

### PROOF OF REGISTRATION

A registration acknowledgment card will arrive in the mail about 30 to 90 days after a man submits a registration form.

If you do not receive an acknowledgment card within 90 days of registering, or if you require a replacement acknowledgment card, please call Selective Service at (847) 688-6888. Your call will be answered by an automated voice processing system. Listen carefully to the directions and select the option for receiving your own Selective Service number.

### REGISTRATION CARD

**Description:** Shows a registrant's name, date of birth, home address, phone number, social security number, and Selective Service registration number.

**How to Obtain a Copy:** The registration card is protected under the Privacy Act. To obtain a copy, a requester must be the registrant himself, or show written permission from the registrant, or provide proof that the registrant is deceased. A caller may verify that a man is registered and/or obtain a registrant's Selective Service number and the date he registered by calling Selective Service at (847) 688-6888 and providing the registrant's social security number and the date of birth. The information may also be obtained by writing to:

**FAX 703-605-4106**

**E-mail: [information@sss.gov](mailto:information@sss.gov)**

**Web: <http://www.sss.gov>**

**Write to:**

**Selective Service System  
Data Management Center  
P.O. Box 94638  
Palatine, IL 60094-4638**

Selective Service carefully follows the provisions of the Privacy Act and will not release a registrant's home address, phone number, social security number, or any other protected information without the written consent of the registrant.

**Records of registrants who were born on or before March 29, 1957\*****Classification Record**

**Description:** Shows a registrant's name, local board number, his classifications, and the dates he received the classifications. A registrant's classification usually indicates whether or not he was drafted.

**How to Obtain a Copy:** The classification record is public information, which is available to anyone who asks for it. Requesters must provide the registrant's full name, date of birth, and address at the time of registration (usually when the registrant was 18 years old).

**Write to:**

**National Archives & Records Administration  
National Archives at St. Louis  
ATTN: RL-SL  
P.O. Box 38757  
St. Louis, MO 63138-0757**

Members of the news media should also write to the National Archives.

**Registration Card**

**Description:** Shows a registrant's name, date of birth, home address, and Selective Service registration number. A registration card may include additional information like a phone number and/or marital status.

**How to Obtain a Copy:** The registration card is protected under the Privacy Act. To obtain a copy, a requester must be the registrant himself or show written permission from the registrant. If the registrant is deceased, provide a copy of the registrant's death certificate. Also provide the registrant's full name, date of birth, and address (including county, if known) at the time of registration.

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ATTN: RL-SL  
P.O. Box 38757  
St. Louis, MO 63138-0757**

*\* Men born from March 29, 1957, through December 31, 1959, were never required to register because the registration program was not in operation at the time they turned 18. The requirement to register was reinstated in 1980, and applies to all men born on or after January 1, 1960.*

**WORLD WIDE WEB HOMEPAGE - <http://www.sss.gov>**

Information available on the Selective Service System's Web site includes: the Agency's Annual Reports to Congress (from 1996 to present), answers to "Frequently Asked Questions," how to register, what happens if a man doesn't register, what happens if there is a draft, and additional publications. An online registration form is also available.

**INDUCTION STATISTICS AND OTHER HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Some of this information is available on the Selective Service's Web site at <http://www.sss.gov>.

More detailed information is made available to the public in the Selective Service System's Annual Reports to Congress, which have been issued annually or semiannually since 1940. These are available at Federal Depository Libraries nationwide. Ask your local library for the address of a Federal Depository Library nearest you.

**FOIA REGULATIONS AND ANNUAL REPORT**

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations can be found in 36 CFR 1662.

To obtain a copy of the Selective Service System's FOIA Annual Report, please see the Freedom of Information Act electronic reading room web page: <http://www.sss.gov/FOIA/readingrm.htm>

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