Social Security Administration

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Social security numbers.

(a) General. The Social Security Administration (SSA) maintains a record of the earnings reported for each individual assigned a social security number. The individual’s name and social security number identify the record so that the wages or self-employment income reported for or by the individual can be properly posted to the individual’s record. Additional procedures concerning social security numbers may be found in Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury regulation 26 CFR 31.6011(b)–2.

(b) Applying for a number—(1) Form SS–5. An individual needing a social security number may apply for one by filing a signed form SS–5, “Application for A Social Security Number Card,” at