

# EIN Application Instructions

## Instructions for applying for an EIN number for churches.

Go to <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer->

Scroll down to Step 3: click **Apply Online Now** button

### Step 3: Submit Your Application

- After all validations are done you will get your EIN immediately upon completion. You can then download, save, and print your EIN confirmation notice.



**Apply Online Now**

This will take you to the EIN Assistant page.

Click **begin application** button under the **restrictions** heading.

Select View **Additional types** button

**EIN Assistant**

**Your Progress:** 1. Identify 2. Authenticate 3. Addresses 4. Details 5. EIN Confirmation

**What type of legal structure is applying for an EIN?**

Before applying for an EIN you should have already determined what type of legal structure, business, or type of organization is being established.

Choose the type you are applying for. If you don't see your type, select "View Additional Types."

- Sole Proprietor**  
Includes individuals who are in business for themselves and household employers.
- Partnerships**  
Includes partnerships and joint ventures.
- Corporations**  
Includes S corporations, personal service corporations, regulated investment conduits (RIC), and S corporations. Includes investment trusts (REIT).
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)**  
A limited liability company (LLC) is a structure that is formed by filing articles of organization with the state.
- Estate**  
An estate is a legal entity created as a result of a person's death.
- Trusts**  
All types of trusts including conservatorships, custodianships, guardianships, irrevocable trusts, revocable trusts, and receiverships.
- View Additional Types, Including Tax-Exempt and Governmental Organizations**  
If none of the above fit what you are establishing, there are several others to choose from.

**Help Topics**

[What if I do not know what type of legal structure or organization to choose?](#)

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Select **continue**

Select **church-controlled organization**

Select **continue**

Select **banking purposes** option

Enter **Pastor's name** and **Social Security#** and then select **"I am a duly authorized member, officer, or employee of the organization or government entity"**

**THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY MUST BE A PASTOR EMPLOYED BY AEC**, not a lay pastor or officer/member of the church.