

# Login Help for All Users

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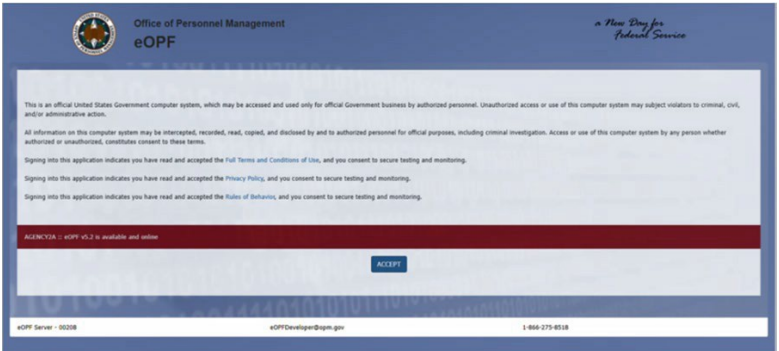
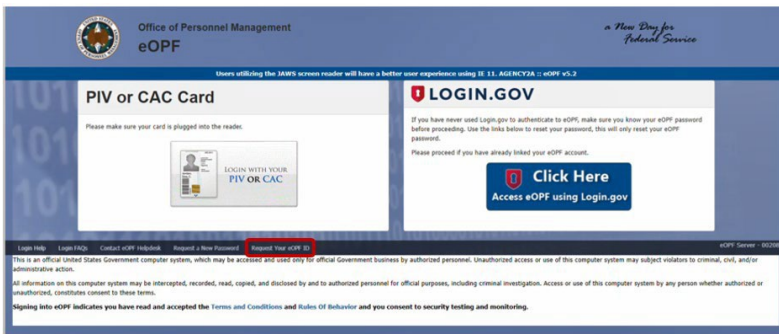
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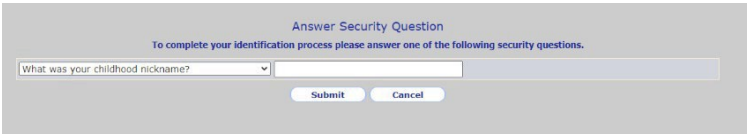
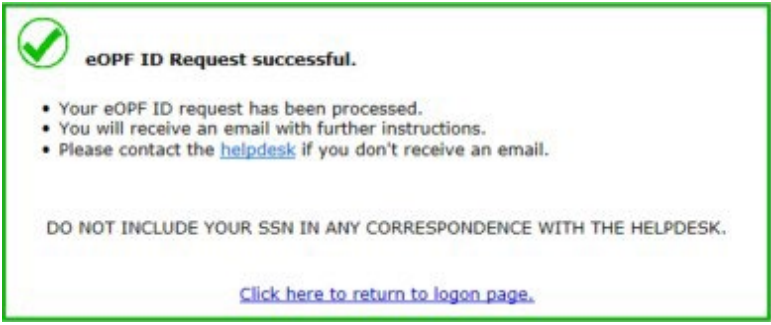

The eOPF ID and password are retrieved using the eOPF self-service feature.

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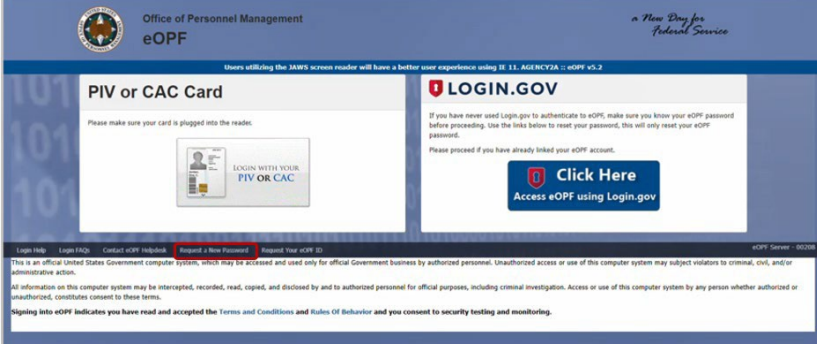
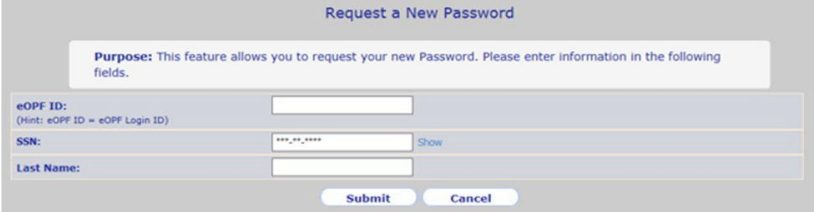
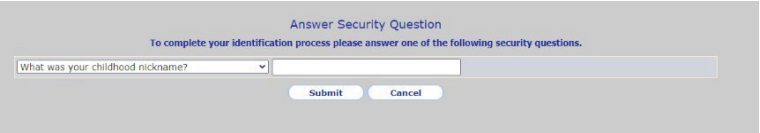
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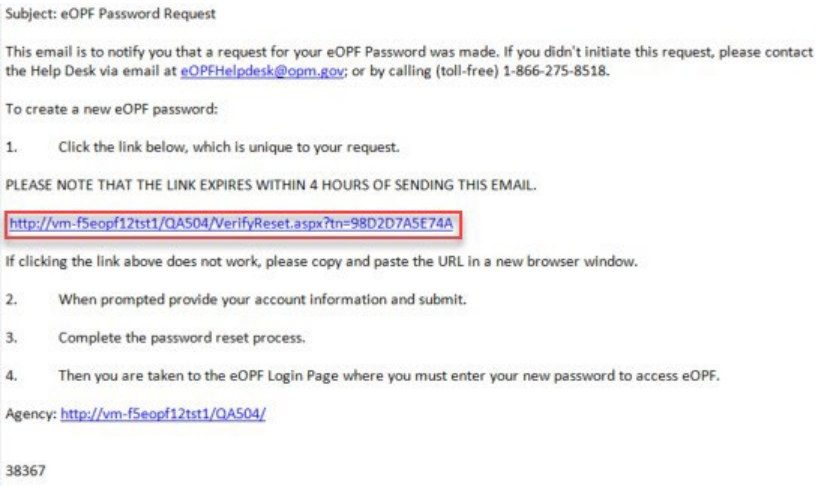
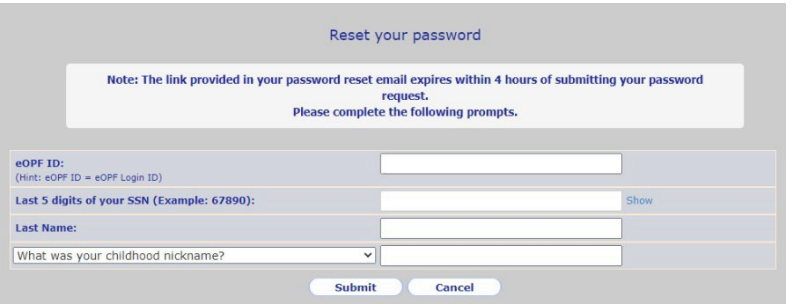
Step	Action	Screen Shot
1	<p>Access user's specific agency eOPF URL. This can be obtained from the HR servicing office.</p> <p>Read the <b>eOPF User Agreement</b> page.</p> <p>Click the <b>Accept</b> button.</p>	
2	<p>From the <b>eOPF Login</b> page, select the <b>Request Your eOPF ID</b> link.</p>	


Step	Action	Screen Shot
3	<p>From the <b>Request Your eOPF ID</b> screen, enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last 5 digits of your SSN</li> <li>• Last Name</li> <li>• Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)</li> </ul> <p>Click the <b>Submit</b> button.</p>	
4	<p>From the <b>Answer Security Question</b> screen, select a question from the list and type the answer in the provided text box.</p> <p>Click the <b>Submit</b> button.</p>	
5	<p>The <b>Request Your eOPF ID</b> page displays stating that the request has been submitted for processing.</p> <p>Select the <b>Click here to return to logon page</b> link.</p>	
6	<p>The eOPF ID is emailed to the email address of record in eOPF.</p> <p>Please contact your agency Human Resources office if you do not receive an email. If user information is verified, but user's eOPF account does not have a valid email address, then an email is sent to user's PO ID administrator stating that the user requested an eOPF ID but does not have a valid email address in the system. Each user must have a unique work email address on file in eOPF to receive the email.</p>	

## Part 2: Create an eOPF Password

Step	Action	Screen Shot
1	<p>From the <b>eOPF Logon</b> page, click the <b>Request a New Password</b> link.</p> <p>User needs an eOPF ID to request a password.</p>	
2	<p>On the <b>Request a New Password</b> page, enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eOPF ID</li> <li>Last 5 digits of your SSN</li> <li>Last Name</li> </ul> <p>Click the <b>Submit</b> button.</p>	
3	<p>From the <b>Answer Security Question</b> screen, select a question from the list and type the answer in the provided text box.</p> <p>Click the <b>Submit</b> button.</p>	

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4	<p>The <b>Request a New Password</b> page displays indicating user's request was submitted for processing.</p> <p>Please contact your agency Human Resources office if you do not receive an email. If user information is verified, but user's eOPF account does not have a valid email address, then an email is sent to user's PO ID administrator stating that the user requested an eOPF ID but does not have a valid email address in the system. Each user must have a unique work email address on file in eOPF to receive the email.</p>	 <p><b>New Password Request successful.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your password request has been processed.</li> <li>• You will receive an email with further instructions.</li> <li>• Please contact the <a href="#">helpdesk</a> for assistance.</li> </ul> <p>DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to return to logon page.</a></p>
5	<p>If user's information fails to be verified, an <b>Access Denied</b> message displays.</p> <p>Verify user information is correct using the Social Security Number and last name on file in eOPF to verify the information is correct. When this information is not known, the user should contact the servicing Human Resources Office.</p>	 <p><b>We're sorry but we're unable to process your Password Request!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that your eOPF ID, SSN, and Last Name are correct.</li> <li>• Please contact the <a href="#">helpdesk</a> for assistance.</li> </ul> <p>DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to return to logon page.</a></p>

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6	<p>If New Password Request is successful as shown in step 3, an email with a password reset link and instructions is sent to the email address on file in user's eOPF. The link is valid for 4 hours.</p> <p>Select the <b>LINK</b>. If it is not selectable, copy and paste it into the browser window.</p> <p>Please contact your agency Human Resources office if you do not receive an email. If user information is verified, but user's eOPF account does not have a valid email address, then an email is sent to user's PO ID administrator stating that the user requested an eOPF ID but does not have a valid email address in the system. Each user must have a unique work email address on file in eOPF to receive the email.</p>	
7	<p>The link opens the <b>Reset Your Password</b> screen. Enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eOPF ID</li> <li>Last 5 digits of your SSN</li> <li>Last Name</li> </ul> <p>Select a question from the list and type the answer in the provided text box.</p> <p>Click the <b>Submit</b> button.</p>	

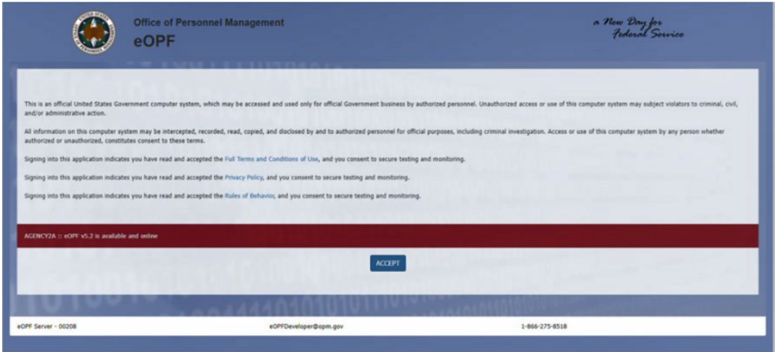
Step	Action	Screen Shot
8	<p>The <b>Please reset your password</b> page displays.</p> <p>Enter a password that meets user's agency's security guidelines in the <b>New Password</b> field, then again in the <b>Verify Password</b> field.</p> <p>Click the <b>Reset Password</b> button, which brings user back to the <b>eOPF Logon</b> page.</p>	

## Users with PIV/CAC

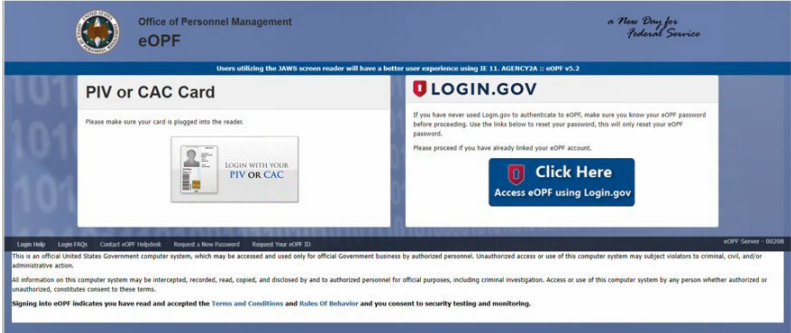
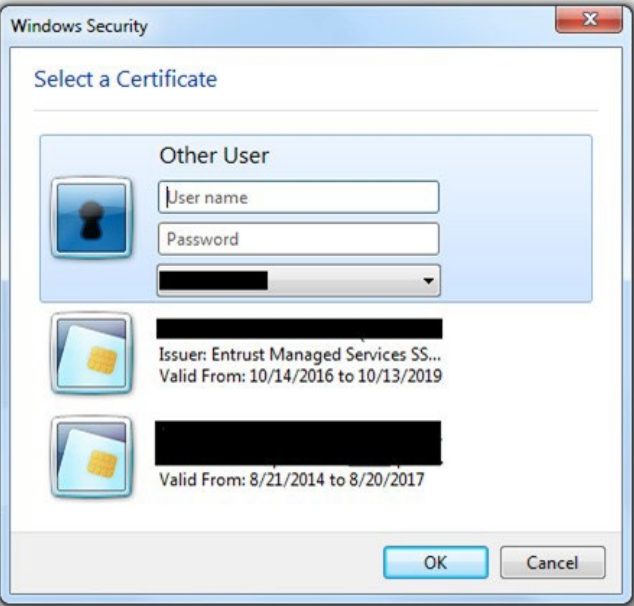
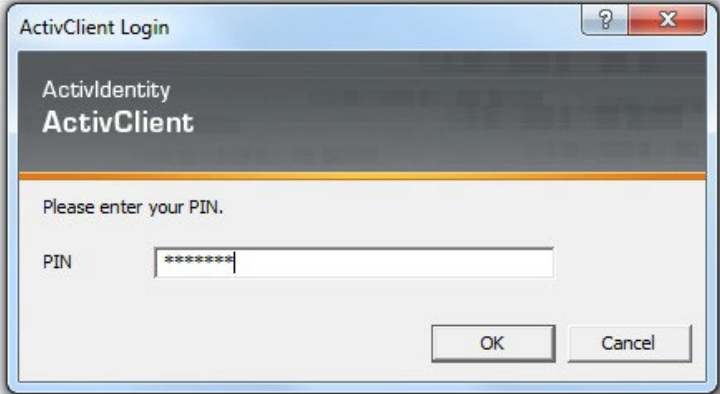
Users logging into eOPF with their PIV/CAC Card for the first time need to register the PIV/CAC to authenticate the card with the eOPF system. Upon successful login user's identity is recognized and only the PIN needs to be entered.



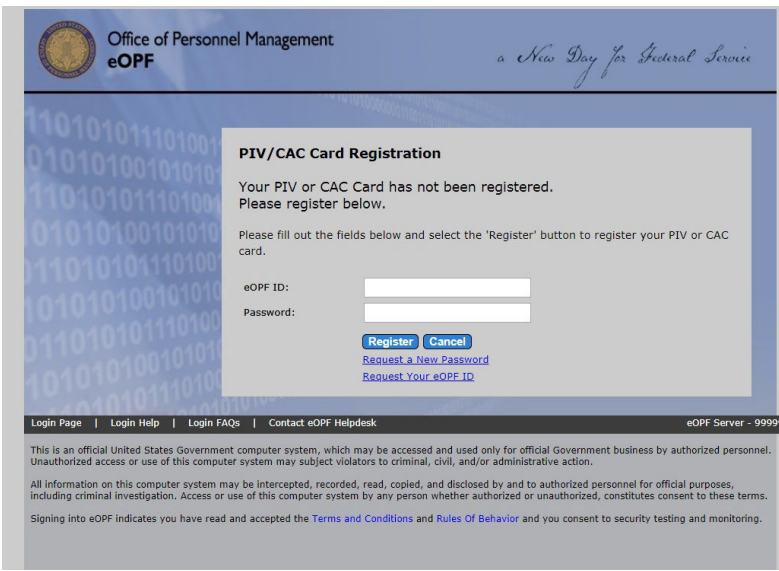
### [Register your PIV/CAC Card](#)

#### Part 1: Register PIV/CAC Card

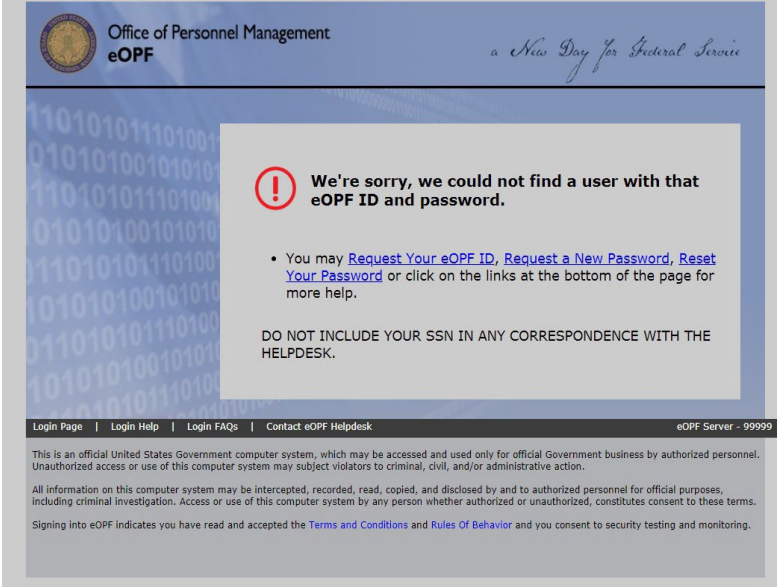
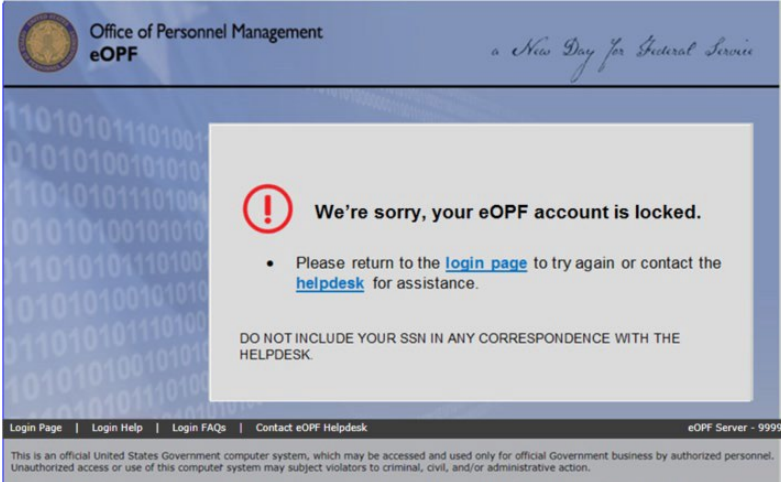
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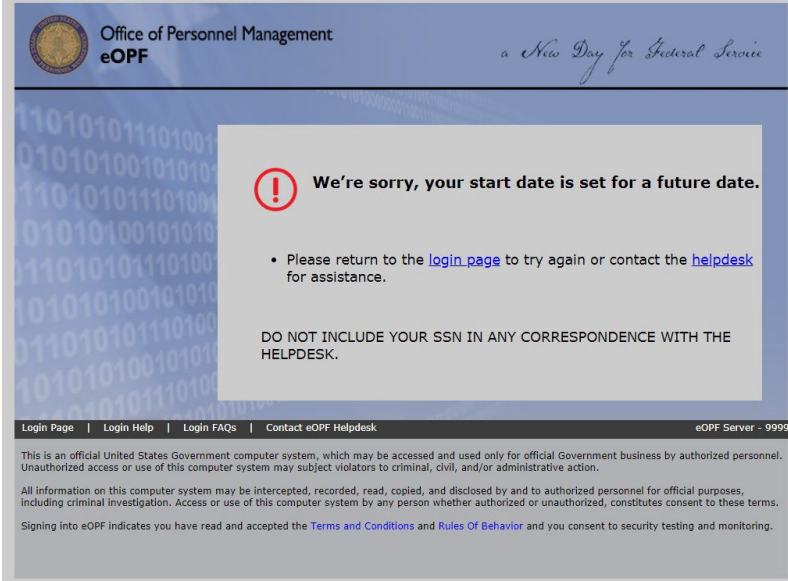
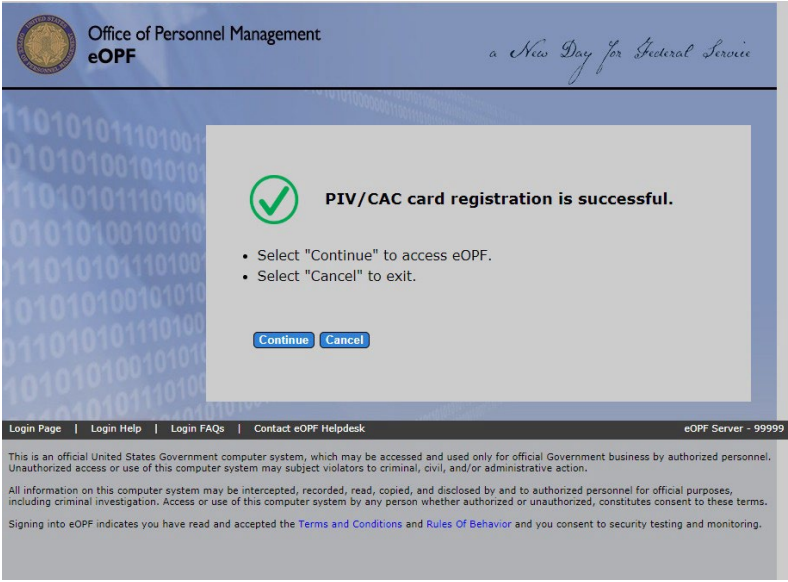
Step	Action	Screen Shot
2	<p>From the <b>eOPF Login</b> page, select the <b>Login with your PIV or CAC</b> image.</p> <p>Make sure PIV/CAC card is inserted into the reader.</p>	
3	<p>User is prompted for the certificate to be used based on what is available from the workstation/PIV.</p> <p>Select the certificate to be used to validate PIV/CAC. Users <b>must</b> use the certificate that has “Client Authentication” and “Smart Card Logon” capabilities (do <b>*not*</b> use the certificate for Email Authentication).</p>	
4	<p>Once selected, based on the workstation environment, a prompt appears asking for the PIV/CAC PIN.</p> <p>This example uses ActivIdentity Software; user's prompts may look slightly different.</p>	


Step	Action	Screen Shot
5	If the PIN is not entered correctly a message similar to the one shown here displays.	
6	If the correct PIN is entered <b>and</b> the user has previously used PIV/CAC authentication to access eOPF, user is logged into eOPF and forwarded to the eOPF Welcome page.	
7	If the correct PIN is entered, however, the user has <b>*not*</b> accessed eOPF with PIV/CAC previously, the user is shown a subsequent authentication page.  Enter user's eOPF ID and Password before selecting the <b>Register</b> button.	



Step	Action	Screen Shot
8	<p>If the information provided does <b>not</b> match the information in the eOPF system, then the following message displays.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the eOPF login page header with the Office of Personnel Management logo and the slogan 'a New Day for Federal Service'. The main content area features a red exclamation mark icon and the text: 'We're sorry, we could not find a user with that eOPF ID and password.' Below this, a bullet point suggests: 'You may <a href="#">Request Your eOPF ID</a>, <a href="#">Request a New Password</a>, <a href="#">Reset Your Password</a> or click on the links at the bottom of the page for more help.' A warning states: 'DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.' The footer includes navigation links: 'Login Page   Login Help   Login FAQs   Contact eOPF Helpdesk' and 'eOPF Server - 99999'. A disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'This is an official United States Government computer system, which may be accessed and used only for official Government business by authorized personnel. Unauthorized access or use of this computer system may subject violators to criminal, civil, and/or administrative action. All information on this computer system may be intercepted, recorded, read, copied, and disclosed by and to authorized personnel for official purposes, including criminal investigation. Access or use of this computer system by any person whether authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to these terms. Signing into eOPF indicates you have read and accepted the <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a> and <a href="#">Rules Of Behavior</a> and you consent to security testing and monitoring.'</p>
9	<p>If user's credentials are validated but user's account in eOPF is locked, then the following error message displays.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the eOPF login page header with the Office of Personnel Management logo and the slogan 'a New Day for Federal Service'. The main content area features a red exclamation mark icon and the text: 'We're sorry, your eOPF account is locked.' Below this, a bullet point suggests: 'Please return to the <a href="#">login page</a> to try again or contact the <a href="#">helpdesk</a> for assistance.' A warning states: 'DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.' The footer includes navigation links: 'Login Page   Login Help   Login FAQs   Contact eOPF Helpdesk' and 'eOPF Server - 99999'. A disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'This is an official United States Government computer system, which may be accessed and used only for official Government business by authorized personnel. Unauthorized access or use of this computer system may subject violators to criminal, civil, and/or administrative action. All information on this computer system may be intercepted, recorded, read, copied, and disclosed by and to authorized personnel for official purposes.'</p>

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10	If user's status is not active (i.e., retired, terminated or inactive) the following error message displays.	<p>The screenshot shows the eOPF login page with a blue header containing the Office of Personnel Management logo and the slogan 'a New Day for Federal Service'. A central white box with a red exclamation mark icon contains the error message: 'We're sorry, your account in eOPF is NOT ACTIVE.' Below this, a bullet point suggests returning to the login page or contacting the helpdesk. A warning states: 'DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.' The footer includes navigation links (Login Page, Login Help, Login FAQs, Contact eOPF Helpdesk), the server ID 'eOPF Server - 99999', and a disclaimer about system security and terms of use.</p>
11	If user's password is entered correctly but needs to be reset (i.e., password is expired, etc.) the following message displays.	<p>The screenshot shows the eOPF login page with a blue header containing the Office of Personnel Management logo and the slogan 'a New Day for Federal Service'. A central white box with a red exclamation mark icon contains the error message: 'We're sorry, your eOPF password needs to be reset.' Below this, a bullet point suggests clicking on links for 'Request Your eOPF ID', 'Request a New Password', or 'Reset Your Password'. A warning states: 'DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK.' The footer includes navigation links (Login Page, Login Help, Login FAQs, Contact eOPF Helpdesk), the server ID 'eOPF Server - 99999', and a disclaimer about system security and terms of use.</p>

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12	<p>If user's active start date within eOPF is in the future, the following error message displays.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the Office of Personnel Management eOPF interface. At the top, it says "Office of Personnel Management eOPF" and "a New Day for Federal Service". The main content area displays a red exclamation mark icon and the text: "We're sorry, your start date is set for a future date." Below this, there is a bullet point: "Please return to the <a href="#">login page</a> to try again or contact the <a href="#">helpdesk</a> for assistance." A warning below that states: "DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SSN IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HELPDESK." At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links for "Login Page", "Login Help", "Login FAQs", and "Contact eOPF Helpdesk", and the text "eOPF Server - 99999".</p>
13	<p>If the eOPF ID and Password entered in Step 7 are valid, then the PIV/CAC Card registration process is complete, and user is redirected to the confirmation page as displayed here.</p> <p>Click <b>Continue</b> to proceed to the next step.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the Office of Personnel Management eOPF interface. At the top, it says "Office of Personnel Management eOPF" and "a New Day for Federal Service". The main content area displays a green checkmark icon and the text: "PIV/CAC card registration is successful." Below this, there are two bullet points: "Select 'Continue' to access eOPF." and "Select 'Cancel' to exit." At the bottom of the message box, there are two buttons: "Continue" and "Cancel". At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with links for "Login Page", "Login Help", "Login FAQs", and "Contact eOPF Helpdesk", and the text "eOPF Server - 99999".</p>

Step	Action	Screen Shot
14	<p>Clicking <b>Continue</b> sends the user to the eOPF Welcome page.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the user is logging into eOPF for the first time, user is redirected to the <a href="#">Security Profile</a> page to complete security questions.</p> <p>If the Rules of Behavior have not been accepted, or if the rules have changed since the user last accepted them, user is redirected to the <b>Rules of Behavior</b> page. To proceed to eOPF, the user must read and accept the Rules of Behavior. After accepting, the eOPF Welcome page displays.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the eOPF Welcome page. At the top right, it says 'User Name: STEVENS, RON' with links for 'Help', 'FAQ', and 'Home'. On the left, there is a navigation menu with 'My eOPF', 'My Profile', 'Print Status', and 'Logout'. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to the eOPF System' and an 'Introduction' section. The introduction text states: 'The eOPF System contains electronic copies of the documents that make up your Official Personnel File. Your eOPF may not contain copies of all documents that were created, as many of these documents have not been scanned in yet. If you have questions concerning the technical aspects of the eOPF, email the eOPF administrator at eopfadmin@opm.gov. Please note this training database will be reset to the original default settings daily (except on weekends), at the close of business. Questions concerning specific personnel actions should be sent to the appropriate HR representative.' Below this is a 'User Info' section with 'Email: Stevens.Ron@xyz.com' and 'Emergency Data last updated on: 1/1/2000'.</p>

## Users without PIV/CAC


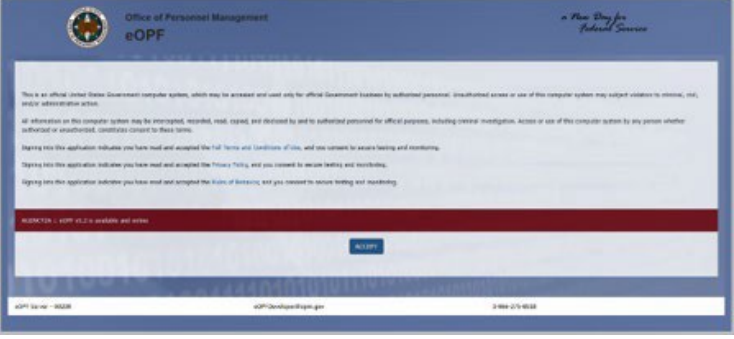
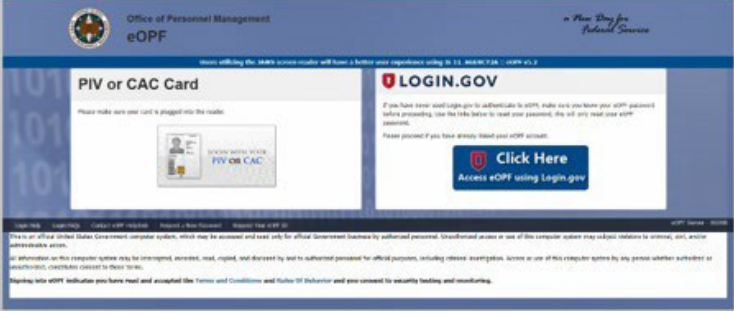
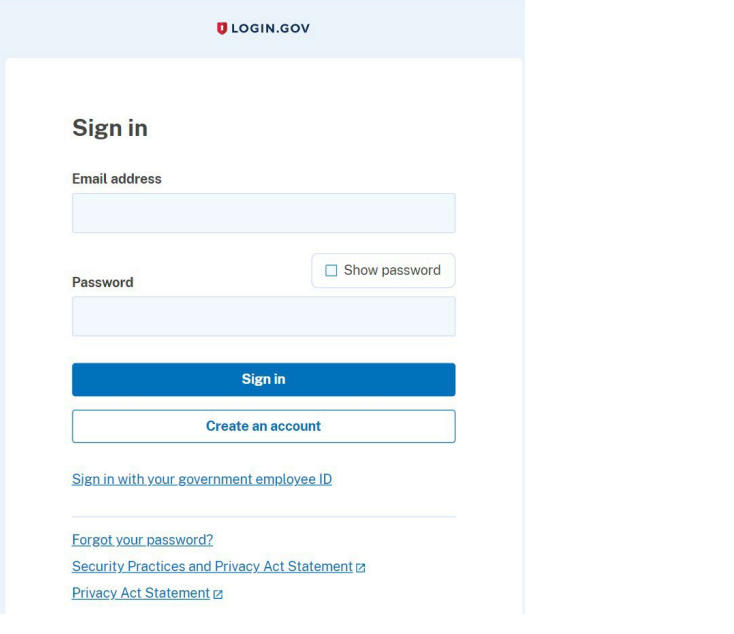
eOPF requires employees to use either a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) or Common Access Card (CAC) or Login.gov to sign into eOPF. Login.gov is used to log into eOPF by employees who do not have a PIV or CAC. This section covers establishing an account and logging into eOPF with Login.gov. The system requires an employee to establish an account with Login.gov and link it to eOPF. Creating a Login.gov account is a one-time task. After that, whenever an employee logs in to the eOPF, the employee will use Login.gov credentials, as well as a special code to authenticate identity and protect the account.

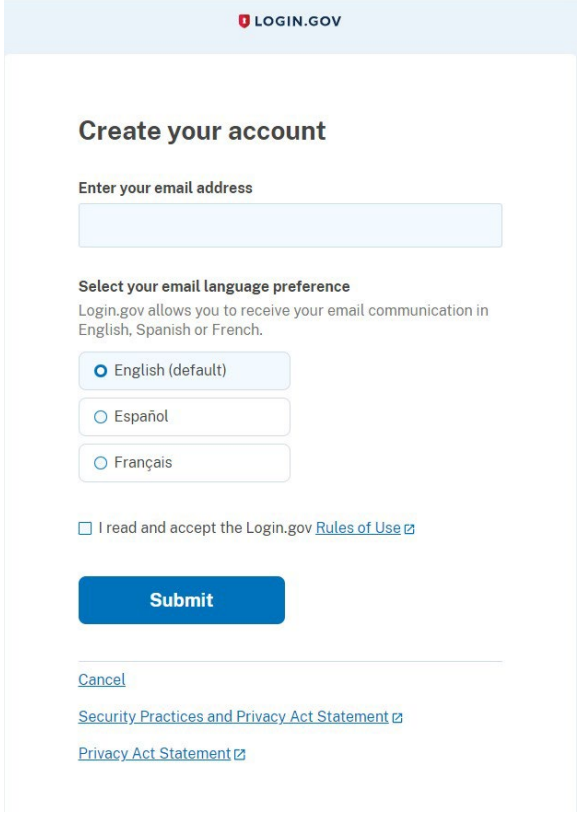
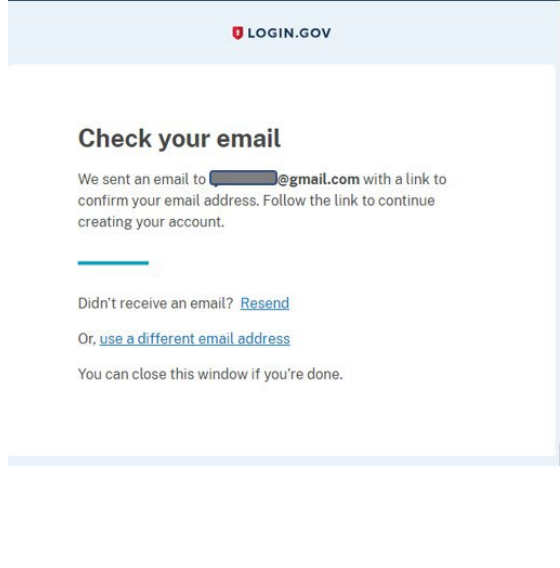
### Establishing an Account in Login.gov

The following information is required when creating a secure Login.gov account:

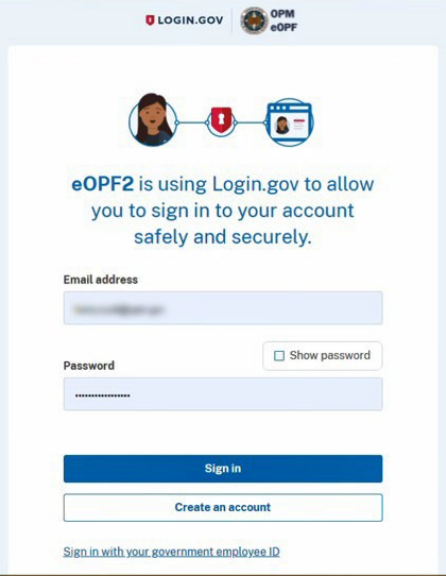

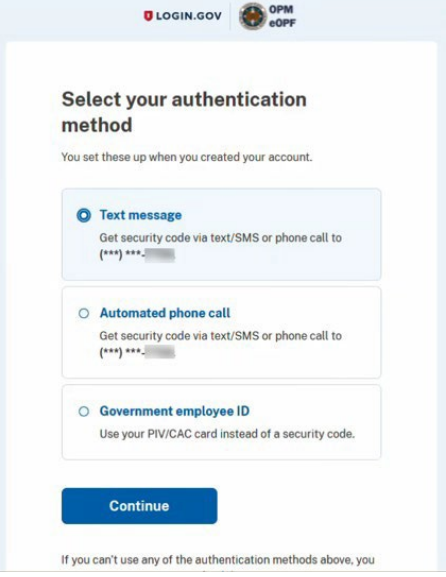
- Email address - An email address that the employee will always be able to access.
- Secure password - Passwords must be at least 12 characters and should not include commonly used words or phrases.
- One or more authentication methods such as Security Key or Authentication application

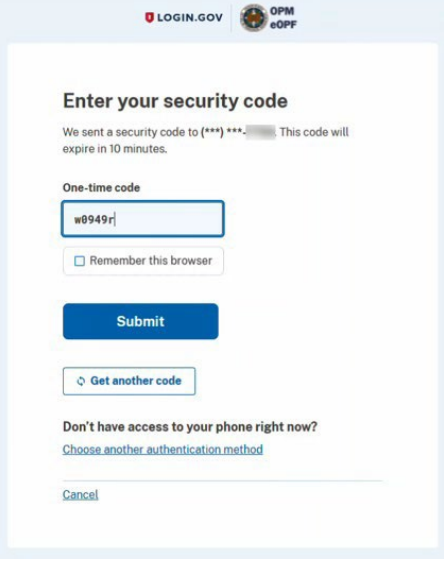
### ***To Establish a Login.gov Account:***

Step	Action	Screen Shot
1	Launch the eOPF application by opening a browser and entering the agency's eOPF URL.	URL address for Login.gov is <a href="https://login.gov">https://login.gov</a> .
2	The eOPF User Agreement page displays.  Read the User Agreement and click the  Accept button.	
3	The eOPF Logon page displays.  Click the "Click Here Access eOPF using Login.gov" button	
4	The Sign in page displays.  Click on Create an account.	

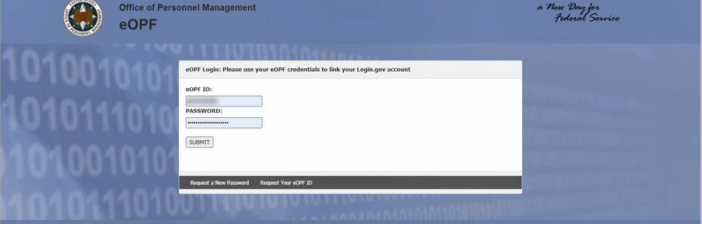
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<p data-bbox="235 642 256 674"><b>5</b></p>	<p data-bbox="311 260 703 327">The Create your account page displays.</p> <p data-bbox="311 411 643 443">Enter your email address.</p> <p data-bbox="311 527 737 558">Select your language preference.</p> <p data-bbox="311 642 695 741">Read and Check I read and accept the Login.gov Rules of Use box.</p> <p data-bbox="311 825 480 856">Click Submit.</p>	
<p data-bbox="235 1350 256 1381"><b>6</b></p>	<p data-bbox="311 1092 691 1266">The Check your email page displays. A message displays indicating the request was successful and the employee receives an email.</p> <p data-bbox="311 1350 662 1449">The email includes a link to create a password with instructions.</p> <p data-bbox="311 1533 721 1631">Upon receiving the email, follow the link to continue creating an account.</p>	



Step	Action	Screen Shot
7	Enter Login.gov credentials.	
8	Select secondary authentication.	
9	Select secondary authentication method.	

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10	<p>Enter one-time use authentication code.</p> <p>Users will be directed to link Login.gov account to eOPF account if either of the following conditions exist:</p> <p>This is the initial sign-in via Login.gov. Once association has been completed, subsequent logins will not require this step. User has changed their eOPF password via self-service or help desk assistance.</p>	

### Linking a Login.gov Account to eOPF

Step	Action	Screen Shot
<p>Steps below are required following a user's initial Login.gov sign-in or eOPF password reset. Steps below continue the steps in the Users without PIV/CAC table above.</p>		
1	<p>The Sign in page displays.</p> <p>Enter eOPF ID. Enter eOPF password.</p> <p>Click on <b>Submit</b>.</p>	
<p>**This step creates the association between a user's Login.gov account and the eOPF account. Once this is completed, users will no longer use their eOPF IDs and passwords.</p>		

Step	Action	Screen Shot
2	The eOPF Home page displays.	