Tax ID & TIN Requirements

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This guide explains what a Tax ID and TIN are, why we may ask for one, and where to find yours depending on your country of tax residence.

This page is general guidance only and is not tax advice. Formats and rules can change — if you're unsure about your own number, check with your national tax authority or a tax advisor.

What is a TIN?

A **Tax Identification Number (TIN)** is a unique number used to identify taxpayers. Most countries issue one in some form, sometimes under a different name (for example, a national ID number, a personal identity code, or a social security-style number that doubles as a tax identifier). It usually stays the same for life.

Why do we ask for this?

Under EU tax transparency rules (DAC7), platforms like ours may be required to collect and report this number for creators who are tax residents of an EU country. If you are not an EU tax resident, we may still request this field for our own records. If this applies to your situation and it isn't provided, it may affect our ability to process your payouts.

Do I need to provide a Tax ID as well as a TIN?

For most EU countries, your TIN *is* your Tax ID — there's only one number, and you only need to enter it once. **Germany is the main exception**: Germany uses two different numbers for two different purposes (see below).

Germany

Germany has two separate numbers, and it's easy to mix them up:

Steuer-ID (Steuerliche Identifikationsnummer) — this is your TIN

- **11 digits**, permanent for life, never changes even if you move
- Issued by the **Bundeszentralamt für Steuern (BZSt)** at birth or on first registration in Germany
- Where to find it:
  - The info letter sent by the BZSt when you were first registered
  - Your annual **Lohnsteuerbescheinigung** (wage tax certificate), if you're employed
  - Any income tax return you've filed
  - By contacting the **BZSt** directly (you'll need to provide name, date of birth, and address)
  - Some banks keep it on file for capital gains / tax exemption purposes

Steuernummer — this is your Tax ID

- Issued by your **local Finanzamt** (tax office); the format depends on which state (Bundesland) issued it — typically 10–11 digits, sometimes shown with slashes (e.g. `181/815/08155`)
- Can **change** if you move to a different Finanzamt's area, or if your marital/tax-assessment status changes
- Where to find it:
  - Any tax assessment notice (Steuerbescheid)
  - Your filed tax return
  - By asking your local Finanzamt directly
  - Your ELSTER account registration documents, if you use ELSTER

Other EU Countries

For every EU country other than Germany, there is only **one** relevant number — enter it in the TIN field. Formats below are for general reference; always double-check against your own documents or your national tax authority if unsure.

Country	Local name	Typical format	Where it usually appears
Austria	Steuerliche Identifikationsnummer	9 digits (e.g. `12-345/6789`)	Top-right corner of your tax assessment notice
Belgium	Rijksregisternummer / Numéro de registre national	11 digits (`YY.MM.DD-XXX.CC`)	National ID card, tax documents
Bulgaria	EGN (Единен граждански номер)	10 digits	National ID card
Croatia	OIB (Osobni identifikacijski broj)	11 digits	National ID card, tax documents
Cyprus	Tax Identification Code (TIC)	Issued by the Cyprus Tax Department	Tax registration documents
Czech Republic	Rodné číslo	9–10 digits (`YYMMDD/XXXX`)	National ID card, tax documents
Denmark	CPR-nummer	10 digits (`DDMMYY-XXXX`)	National ID / health card
Estonia	Isikukood	11 digits	National ID card
Finland	Henkilötunnus	11 characters (`DDMMYY±XXXX`)	National ID card
France	Numéro fiscal (SPI)	13 digits	Tax notices, tax return
Greece	ΑΦΜ (AFM)	9 digits	Tax registration certificate
Hungary	Adóazonosító jel	10 digits	Tax ID card
Ireland	PPS Number	7 digits + 1–2 letters	Payslips, tax documents
Italy	Codice Fiscale	16 alphanumeric characters	National ID card, health card
Latvia	Personas kods	11 digits (`DDMMYY-XXXXX`)	National ID card

Country	Local name	Typical format	Where it usually appears
Lithuania	Asmens kodas	11 digits	National ID card
Luxembourg	Matricule national	11 or 13 digits	National ID card, tax documents
Malta	Tax identification number	Often matches your Maltese ID card number	Tax registration documents
Netherlands	Burgerservicenummer (BSN)	9 digits	National ID card, tax documents
Poland	PESEL	11 digits	National ID card
Portugal	NIF	9 digits	Cartão de Cidadão, tax documents
Romania	CNP	13 digits	National ID card
Slovakia	Rodné číslo	9–10 digits (`YYMMDD/XXXX`)	National ID card, tax documents
Slovenia	EMŠO	13 digits	National ID card
Spain	NIF (nationals) / NIE (foreign residents)	NIF: 8 digits + letter · NIE: letter + 7 digits + letter	DNI/NIE card
Sweden	Personnummer	10 digits (`YYMMDD-XXXX`)	Tax documents, ID card

Not sure about your number, or your country isn't listed?

- The European Commission's **TIN Portal** documents the official format for each EU country and lets you check whether a number matches the expected structure.
- The **OECD Automatic Exchange of Information Portal** has additional detail for countries outside the EU.
- If you're still unsure, your national tax authority is always the authoritative source.

What about my VAT ID?

A VAT ID is a separate number from your TIN/Tax ID, and only relevant if you're registered for VAT in your country. If you have one, you can enter it in the VAT ID field on the payout settings page — it isn't a substitute for your TIN.