

## Adding an Authentication Method

Login.gov requires that you set up at least one authentication method when creating your account. However, it is recommended that you select **at least two authentication methods** on different devices so that you have an alternative way(s) to sign in to eVoucher if your primary method becomes unavailable.

### Step 1

Select your first method of authentication, and then click **Continue**. Authentication methods include security keys, government employee IDs, authentication applications, text or voice messages, or backup codes.

**Note:** Every time you sign in to eVoucher you are required to authenticate, so make sure you use an authentication method that's easy for you to access.

**Authentication method setup**

Add another layer of security by selecting a multi-factor authentication method. We recommend you select at least (2) two different options in case you lose one of your methods.

- Security key**  
A physical device, often shaped like a USB drive, that you plug in to your device.
- Government employee ID**  
PIV/CAC cards for government and military employees. Desktop only.
- Authentication application**  
Download or use an authentication app of your choice to generate secure codes.
- Text or voice message**  
Receive a secure code by (SMS) text or phone call.
- Backup codes**  
A list of 10 codes you can print or save to your device. When you use the last code, we will generate a new list. Keep in mind backup codes are easy to lose.

**Continue**

- For the text or voice message option, you must provide your phone number to receive a one-time code by text message or phone call.
- For the authentication application option, you can use several applications such as Google Authenticator, DUO, etc.

Step 2

Authenticate your account using your chosen authentication method, and then click **Send code**.

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### Add a phone number

We'll send you a one-time code each time you sign in.  
**Your chosen authentication method will be shown here.**  
Message and data rates may apply. Do not use web-based (VOIP) phone services or premium rate (toll) phone numbers.

Phone number  
+1 (555)555-5555

How you'll get your code  
 Text message (SMS)  Phone call

You can change this anytime. If you use a landline number, select "Phone call."

**Send code**

Step 3

In the **One-time code** field, enter the one-time code sent to you, and then click **Submit**.

### Enter your one-time code

We sent a text (SMS) with a one-time code to +1 555-555-5555. This code will expire in 10 minutes.

**One-time code**  
Example: 123456  
555555

Remember this browser

**Submit**

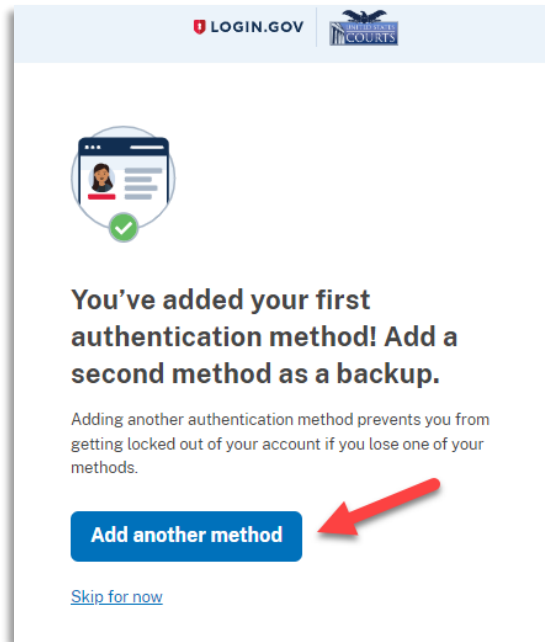
[Send another code](#)

Having trouble? Here's what you can do:

Step 4

Once your code has been successfully authenticated, you are prompted to add another authentication method (recommended). Click **Add another method** and follow the previous steps to create a second authentication method.

**Note:** It is recommended that you use a different device for your second authentication method, even if you choose the same setup option. For example, if you chose text or voice message as your first method, you can do the same for the second, as long as you use a different phone number.



You have now added at least one authentication method to your Login.gov account. If you have not already verified your identity with Login.gov, see the Identity Verification job aid. If you are ready to link to eVoucher from Login.gov, see the Linking your eVoucher Account with your Login.gov Account job aid for further instructions.