

Instructions for Logging into LINCS User Platform: Login.gov

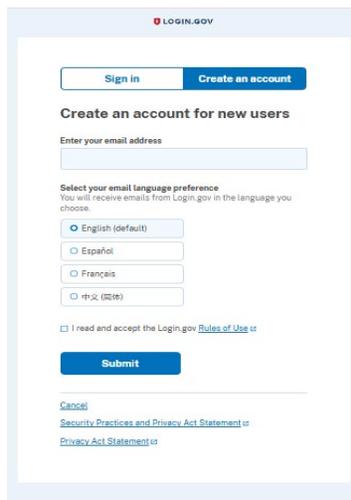
As of December 11, 2024, LINCS has transitioned to using Login.gov for managing user accounts. Follow these steps to set up and log in to your account.

Step 1: Set Up Your Account

1. Navigate to <https://courses.lincs.ed.gov/>.
 2. Click on **“Create an Account to Start Learning.”**
 3. Choose one of the following options:
 - **If you are new to Login.gov:** Click **“Create Login.gov account.”** Proceed to Step 2.
 - **If you already have a Login.gov account:** Click **“Sign in with Login.gov.”** Follow the prompts, including the 2-factor authentication.
 - **If you want a separate Login.gov account for LINCS:** Use the same email as your LINCS account, then proceed to Step 2.
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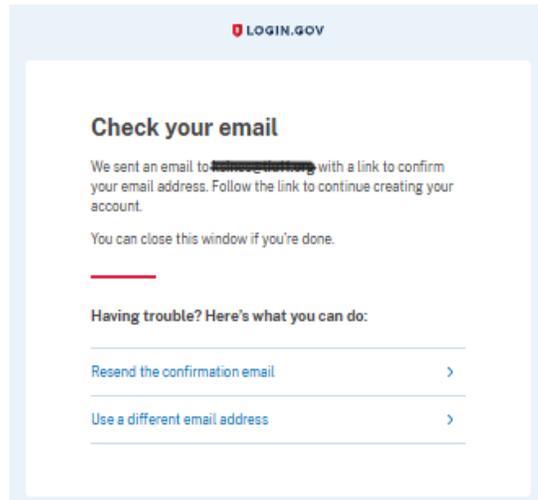
Step 2: Enter Your Email Address

1. Enter your email address.
 - **If you have a LINCS account** and want to retain prior information, use the same email address as your LINCS account.
 - **If you are new to LINCS:** Use the email address you would like to associate with your LINCS account (e.g., work email address).
2. Select your preferred language.
3. Check the box to acknowledge you’ve read and accept the Login.gov Rules of Use.
4. Click **“Submit.”**



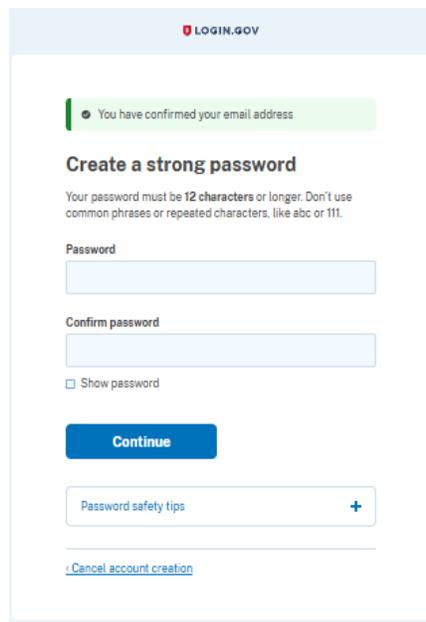
Step 3: Confirm Your Email Address

1. Check your inbox for a confirmation email.
 - If it's not there, check your spam or junk folder.
2. Open the email and click the confirmation link.
3. The link will take you back to the website to proceed.



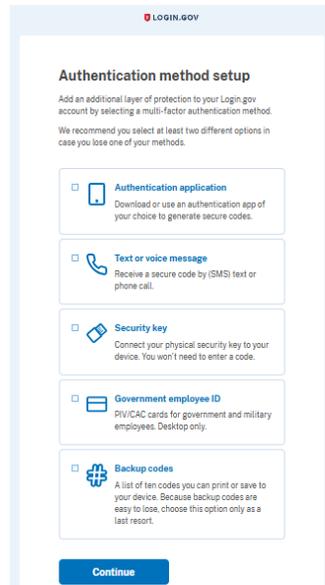
Step 4: Create a Secure Password

1. Enter a strong password.
2. Reenter the password to confirm.
3. Click **"Continue."**



Step 5: Set Up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

1. Select your preferred MFA method (text or voice message is recommended). MFA is a security feature for logins that helps to prevent unauthorized access to your account.



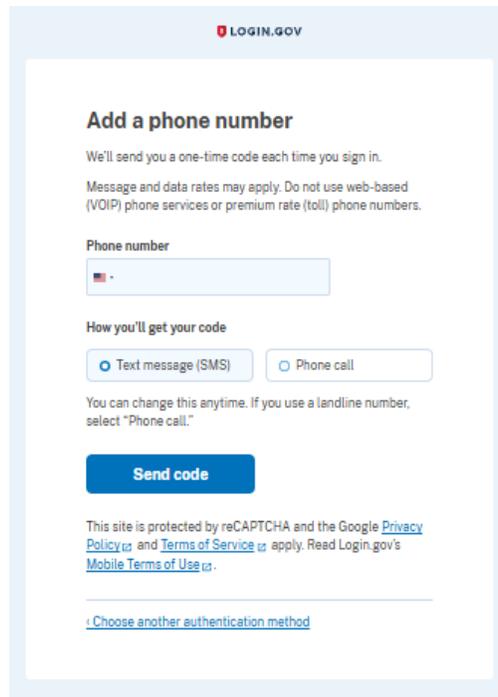
Authentication method setup

Add an additional layer of protection to your Login.gov account by selecting a multi-factor authentication method. We recommend you select at least two different options in case you lose one of your methods.

- 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.
- Security key**
Connect your physical security key to your device. You won't need to enter a code.
- Government employee ID**
PIV/IAC cards for government and military employees. Desktop only.
- Backup codes**
A list of ten codes you can print or save to your device. Because backup codes are easy to lose, choose this option only as a last resort.

[Continue](#)

2. Follow the prompt to test your MFA method.



Add a phone number

We'll send you a one-time code each time you sign in. Message and data rates may apply. Do not use web-based (VOIP) phone services or premium rate (toll) phone numbers.

Phone number

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](#)

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[Choose another authentication method](#)

3. Click **"Continue"** to complete the setup.

Step 6: Your Account is Now Active

1. Review or update your user profile as needed.
2. Optionally, log out and back in to verify your account works correctly.

Need Assistance?

- **For Login.gov Issues:** Visit [Login.gov Help Center](#).
 - **For LINC'S Platform Questions:** Contact LINC'S Support at support@lincs.ed.gov.
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