Obtaining Social Security Wage History

Social Security Wage History Summaries are often mailed and can also be requested online. The Social Security website is www.socialsecurity.gov or www.ssa.gov for short. You must sign in or follow the instruction to create an account to request a wage history.

A summary of Social Security Wage History can also be obtained by going, in person, to a local Social Security office. There should be no charge for obtaining this information. This information will only be provided to the wage earner and should be printed for them immediately. No appointment is necessary. The website will also provide locations of local offices or call (800) 772-1213 for assistance in locating the closest office. When going to the office in person, identification is required. The following forms are acceptable:

- Driver’s License
- State Identification
- US Passport

Ask for a **SEQY printout**. (SEQY – Summary Earnings Query)

If the office is hesitant to provide the SEQY, ask that they consult the Social Security procedures manual Section GN 03311.005 F.2.a. which says,

...if an individual wants his/her earning record immediately and cannot wait for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES), release of the SEQY, DEQY, PEBES Online Output or any other online earnings queries to which the FO has access.

Section GN 03340.010 B.2. indicates that there is to be no charge to,

...furnish information in response to any request for a Summary Statement of Earnings or Yearly Totals regardless of the purpose for which the information is needed.