

Application for Employer ID Document Investigation

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Investigate: An Application for Employer ID Number

An IRS Form SS-4 contains the following information:

- Name and address of the business
- Type of business
- Date the business started
- Principal activity of the business

Your Motive: You may decide in the future to start your own business. When you establish a business, you are required by law to apply to the federal government for an employer identification number.

Form SS-4 <small>(Rev. December 2011)</small> Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Application for Employer Identification Number <small>(For use by employers, corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, churches, government agencies, broker/real estate, certain individuals, and others.)</small> ▶ See separate instructions for each line. ▶ Keep a copy for your records.		EIN OMB No. 1545-0047
1. Legal name of entity (or subdivision when the EIN is being requested) <i>Callahan Tree Service</i>				
2. Trade name of business (if different from name on line 1) _____				
3. Successor, trustee, "care of" name <i>Lee Callahan</i>				
4a. Mailing address (room, apt., suite 0, and street, or P.O. box) <i>1537 Hayden Road</i>		4a. Street address (if different) (Do not enter a P.O. box.)		
4b. City, state and ZIP code <i>Lee, TX</i>		4b. City, state, and ZIP code		
5. County and state where principal business is located <i>Tarrant TX</i>				
7a. Name of principal officer, general partner, grantor, owner, or trustee <i>Lee Callahan</i>		7b. SSN, ITIN, or EIN		
8a. Type of entity (check only one box)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietor (SSN) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (enter form number to which) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Personal service corp. <input type="checkbox"/> Church or church-controlled organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other nonprofit organization (specify) ▶ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Estate (SSN of decedent) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Plan administrator (SSN) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Trust (SSN of grantor) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> REMIC <input type="checkbox"/> State/local government <input type="checkbox"/> Federal government/territory <input type="checkbox"/> Indian tribal government/enterprise Group Exemption Number (GEM) ▶ _____		
8b. If a corporation, name the state or foreign country (if applicable) where incorporated		State _____ Foreign country _____		
9. Reason for applying (check only one box)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Started new business (specify type) ▶ <i>Tree maintenance</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Hired employees (Check the box at see line 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with IRS withholding regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Buying purpose (specify purpose) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Changed type of organization (specify new type) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Purchased going business <input type="checkbox"/> Created a trust (specify type) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Created a pension plan (specify type) ▶ _____		
10. Date business started or acquired (month, day, year) <i>03/15/11</i>		11. Closing month of accounting year <i>December</i>		
12. First date wages or annuities were paid or will be paid (month, day, year). Note: If applicant is a withholding agent, otherwise income will first be paid to nonresident alien, month, day, year? <i>4/15/11</i>				
13. Highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to hire any employees during a period, enter "0". Agricultural _____ Household _____ Other <i>3</i>				
14. Check one box that best describes the principal activity of your business.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate <input type="checkbox"/> Rental & leasing <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & warehousing <input type="checkbox"/> Finance & insurance		<input type="checkbox"/> Health care & social assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation & food services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <i>Tree Maintenance</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale-retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale-retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Retail		
15. Indicate principal line of merchandise sold, specific construction work done, products produced, or services provided. <i>Cut and trim trees</i>				

Key Points: An employer sends an IRS Form SS-4 to the federal government. When received, the government assigns the employer a number. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) helps the government monitor taxes that a business is required to pay. Whenever taxes are paid, a business must provide its identification number.

Find the Solutions

- 1.** Who should use the Form SS-4?
- 2.** What is the purpose of this form?
- 3.** What was the date that this business started?
- 4.** In what state was this business incorporated?
- 5.** What is the principal activity of the business?