

# Representative Accountability Database (RAD) 101

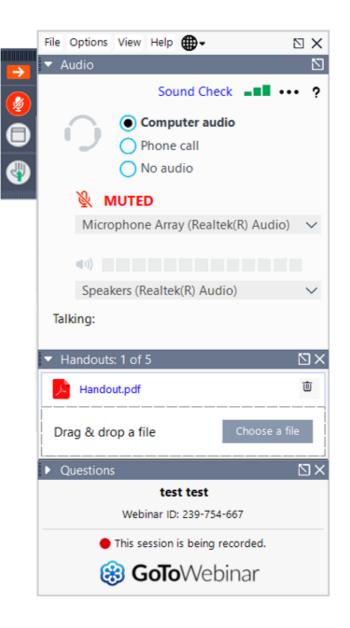
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### **Agenda**

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## **Announcements**

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### Voice-Only Phase-Out and Minimum Service Standards

- On <u>July 3</u>, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) paused the phase-out of Lifeline support for voice-only services for an additional year. The basic Lifeline support of \$5.25 remains available to eligible consumers who subscribe to voice-only service until at least December 1, 2025.
- WCB also paused the increase in the Lifeline minimum service standard for mobile broadband data capacity for an additional year. The minimum service standard for mobile broadband data capacity will remain at 4.5 GB per month until at least December 1, 2025.

### **Announcements**

### **Reverification Updates**

- Reverification is a one-time process to confirm that all subscribers enrolled in the Lifeline program through legacy processes (i.e., pre-National Verifier processes) met the National Verifier's eligibility standards.
- Reverification efforts have been ongoing since Q2, 2023 and are expected to conclude in **August 2024**.



### **Overview**

### **RAD Introduction**

- RAD is a registration system that validates the identities of service provider representatives performing transactions in the <u>National Lifeline Accountability</u> <u>Database</u> (NLAD) and the <u>National Verifier</u>.
- After a representative's identity is verified, a Representative ID is issued.
- A Representative ID is a unique number that connects a representative's identity to transactions in NLAD and National Verifier.
  - Representative IDs should only be shared with carrier(s) for which the representative works.

### **Overview**

### RAD Registration Process

Step 1

• **Self-register** and receive a Representative ID at <u>LifelineRad.org</u>.

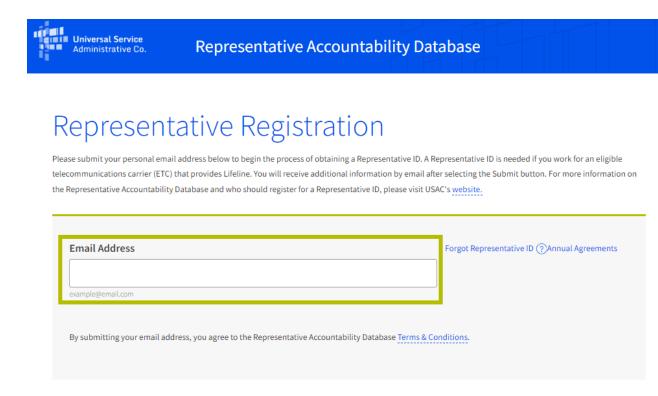
Step 2

• Share the Representative ID with each service provider you work with. They will create National Verifier or NLAD account credentials for you and link your Representative ID. You can then access and start performing transactions.

- Start the registration process at <u>LifelineRAD.org</u>
- Click on **Register** to begin.



- Enter your personal email address.
  - This allows continued access if you work for multiple companies or shift roles.



Submit

- You will receive an email to continue the RAD registration process.
- The email notification will provide you a link to get started that will remain active for 7 days.
  - If the link expires, you will need to restart the registration process.

**Note:** Email notifications will be sent from noreply@usac.org. Be sure to monitor your spam inbox.



#### Representative ID Registration

#### Continue the Registration Process

Hello [firstname] [lastname],

Thank you for submitting your information to begin the representative registration process.

Click <u>here</u> to continue. You will be prompted to provide information about your identity, which we will use to create your unique Representative ID.

The link will expire in 7 days. If you do not follow the link prompts within 72 hours, you will need to restart the registration process.

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- Enter your full legal name.
  - USAC recommends entering your name as it appears on official documentation.

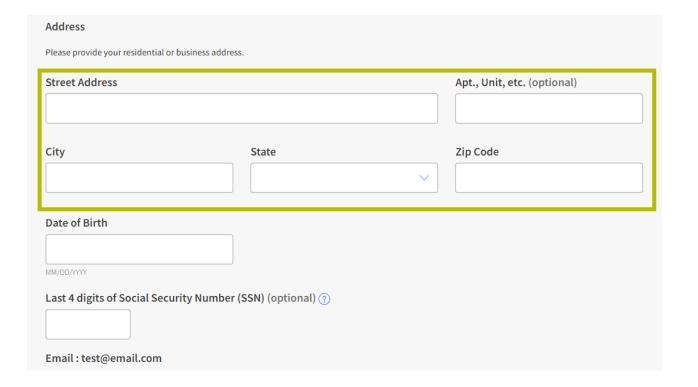


### Representative Registration

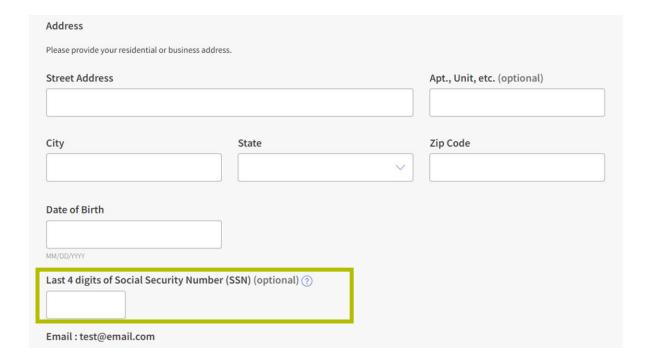
The information below will be used to validate your identity.

Full Legal Name  The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or Sta	te ID. Not a nickname.
First Name	Middle Name (optional)
Last Name	Suffix (optional)

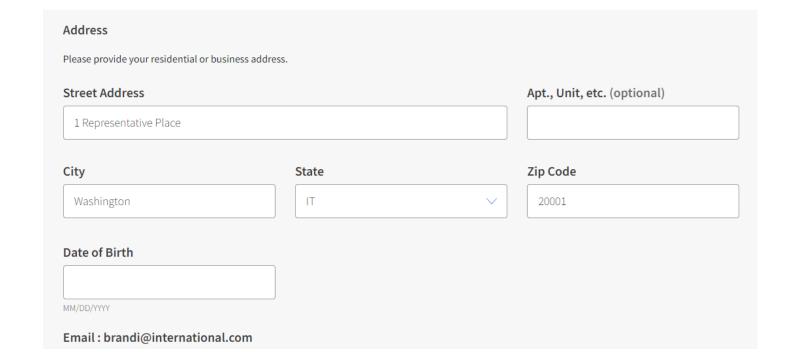
- Enter a residential or work address.
  - We may be able to verify your identity automatically if you enter your residential address and you may not need to submit identity documents.



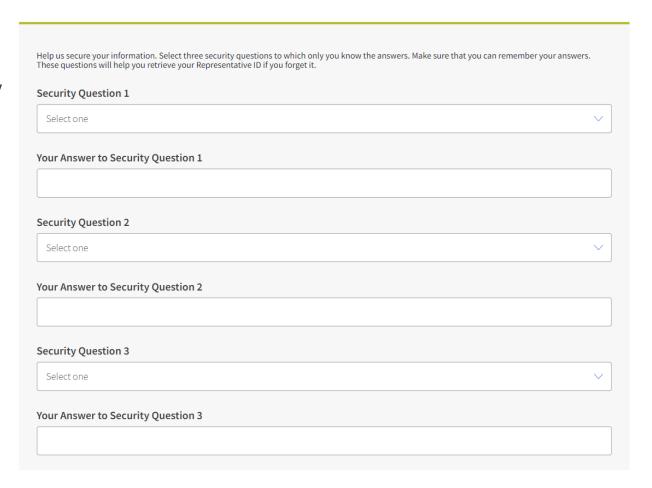
- Enter the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN4).
  - This is an optional field, only applicable for domestic representatives.
  - Representatives that opt out of submitting their SSN4 will need to submit documentation to verify their identity.



- International representatives are not asked for SSN4.
  - The "Last 4 digits of Social Security Number (SSN)" does not appear when you select state "IT" under the State field.



• Select and complete the three security questions.



 Read and acknowledge the security statements to indicate you agree to USAC's data collection policies and have provided accurate information to request a Representative ID.

By checking this box you agree that all of the information you are providing may be collected, used, shared, and retain the purposes of applying for and receiving a Representative ID.	ed by USAC for
I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am providing my own information to apply for a Representative ID and that all identification information has been provided and is accurate. I know that I must comply with all rules and regulations Lifeline program. I know that willingly giving false information or engaging in fraudulent behavior to qualify or enroll in Lifeline Program is punishable by law, including imprisonment. I understand that, once received, a Representative Idenumber is issued for a specific individual and is not transferable.	for the federal ndividuals in the
	Next

 Read and acknowledge each annual agreement statement to indicate you will comply with the appropriate use of RAD, NLAD, and National Verifier systems.



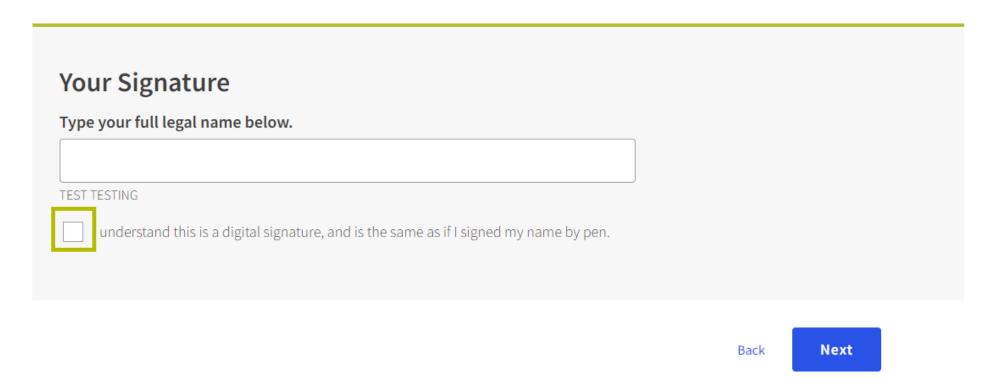
#### Representative Accountability Database

To begin or continue performing National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) and/or Lifeline National Eligibility Verifier (National Verifier) transactions, review

#### Annual Agreement

and	agree to the following:
	The information associated with my representative ID is current and accurate.
	I will always update my contact information in RAD within 30 days of a change.
	I will always use my Representative ID to perform transactions in NLAD and the National Verifier.
	My Representative ID is my unique identification. No one else may use my Representative ID. I will not provide my Representative ID to anyone except the service provider(s) I work for.
	I will not use or provide any fraudulent, misleading, or inaccurate information when performing Lifeline transactions.
	I acknowledge that I will only use NLAD and the National Verifier for their specified purposes.
	Lunderstand and agree to the National Verifier terms and conditions.
	I understand and agree to the RAD terms and conditions.
	I acknowledge that I am providing information to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), a U.Sbased entity created by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that performs activities on behalf of the FCC.
	If I fail to comply with any of the above requirements, USAC's guidance, the FCC's program rules, or any applicable laws, I understand that my access to NLAD and/or National Verifier may be suspended or terminated for unauthorized and/or unlawful use and the service provider may be subject to FCC enforcement action and law enforcement prosecution as a result of my actions.

Complete your registration by typing your full legal name in the signature box.



 Review your information and confirm each field is correct.

### Review Your Information

Full Legal Name : Test Testing

Address: 123 Main Street

Town, DC 20006

Date of Birth: January 1, 1990

Last 4 digits of SSN: 1111

Email: test@email.com

Security Question 1 : In what city/town was your first job?

Your Answer: abc

Security Question 2: What elementary school did you go to?

Your Answer: abcd

Security Question 3: What time was your first child born? (for example, 6:30AM)

Your Answer: 1:00

Edit

Submit

 When the registration process is completed, a message with next steps will appear notifying you to check the email you used to create your Representative ID.

# Next Steps ...

Thank you for submitting your information. Please check your email for additional information and next steps.

Didn't get an email? Click here to resend.

 You will receive an email notification indicating a successful registration and your unique Representative ID number.

#### Representative ID Registration

#### Registration Complete

Thank you for submitting additional documentation to complete the representative registration process. Your Representative ID number is: W02T11237.

Your Representative ID is a unique number that will be connected to all of your Lifeline Program transactions. Please retain this information for your records.

In addition, please provide your Representative ID to all Lifeline carriers for which you verify consumer eligibility, perform enrollments, or otherwise interact with Lifeline consumers. They will need this information to create an account for you in the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) or the National Verifier. You will be unable to verify subscribers' eligibility or perform enrollments until your Representative ID is associated with an account.

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# **Questions?**

If we can't confirm your information, you will receive an email notice with instructions on what you need to do next.

Error	Submit a document that includes:
Identity not found	First and last name, date of birth, and last four digits of SSN
SSN4 cannot be verified	First and last name and last four digits of SSN.
Date of birth cannot be verified	First and last name and date of birth.
Identified as a duplicate	First and last name and date of birth.
Identified as deceased	First and last name, date of birth, the last four digits of SSN, and proof of life by submitting acceptable documentation dated within the previous three (3) months.
Opt out of including SSN4	First and last name and date of birth.

- If you are required to submit documentation you must do so within 45 days or you will need to re-register.
- You can submit documentation online or by mail.
  - Online, through <u>USAC's secure webpage</u>
    - Review the <u>online document submission guide</u>
  - Mail documents and <u>completed cover sheet</u> to:
    - Lifeline Support Center

PO Box 1000

Horseheads, NY 14845

# Resolving Registration Errors Submitting Documentation Online

- Go to <u>USAC's secure webpage</u>.
  - Enter your Representative ID and last name.
  - Select Verify.

# Representative ID Document Upload

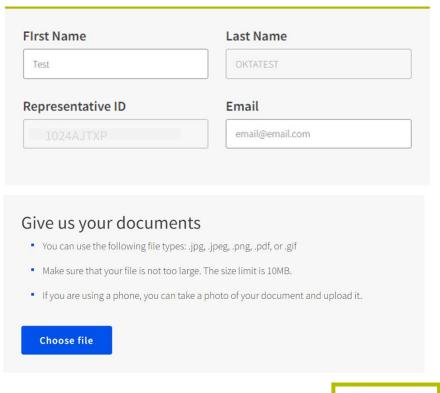
We will need you to provide your Representative ID and the last name you provided on your Representative ID registration. Please provide it below.

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Your Represen	ntive ID was provided when you first registered on <u>LifelineRAD.org</u> .	
Last Name		
	ne you provided on your Representative ID registration.	
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Verify

### Submitting Documentation Using Secure Webpage

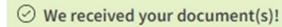
- Provide your first name and email address.
  - Your Representative ID and last name will populate.
- Select Choose file and upload your documents. Select Submit.





### Submitting Documentation Using Secure Webpage

 You will receive a message that you successfully submitted your documents.



It takes 3-5 business days to review documentation. Once a review has been completed, you will receive an email advising on next steps.

# **Linking Accounts**

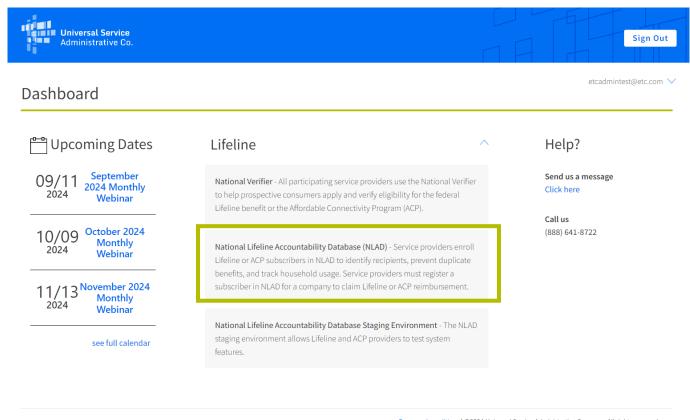
# **Linking Accounts**

### Overview

- After registering in RAD and receiving a Representative ID, your next step is to share your Representative ID with the service provider you work for:
  - 497 Officers link the Representative ID to the ETC Administrator user role in NLAD.
  - ETC Administrators link the Representative ID to subaccount user roles including:
    - ETC Analyst, ETC Operations, ETC Agent
    - API accounts
    - Batch users

# Linking Accounts New NLAD Subaccount

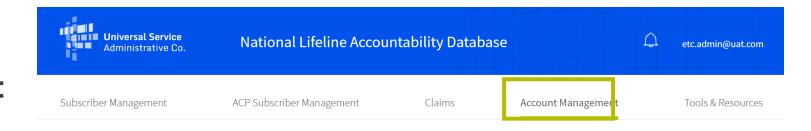
- To link a Representative ID to a new NLAD subaccount, the ETC Administrator will:
  - Login to NLAD through <u>One</u> <u>Portal</u>.



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# Linking Accounts New NLAD Subaccount

- Select Account Management from the mega menu.
- Then, Create Subaccount.



USAC Home | Lifeline Program | NLAD | Account Management

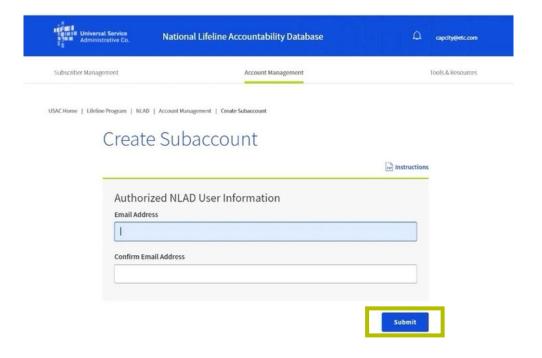
#### Account Management

Create, manage, and review subaccounts for your SPINs

- 497 Officer Home Page Review ETC Administrator Accounts and manage SPIN assignments.
- ETC Administrator Home Page Maintain SAC Information.
- Manage Representative IDs Link one or more Representatives who have an existing subaccount.
- Manage Subaccounts Review NLAD and National Verifier subaccounts and select accounts to update.
- Create Subaccounts Create a new NLAD or National Verifier subaccount.
- Create ETC API Account Create a new NLAD or National Verifier API Account.
- Manage Email Recipients Assign contacts to receive NLAD-related emails.

# Linking Accounts New NLAD Subaccount

- Enter and confirm the email address of the authorized NLAD user and select **Submit**.
- Enter the authorized user information to include:
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Phone Number
  - Representative ID



### **Linking Accounts**

#### New NLAD Subaccount

- ETC Admin then assigns user role and SPINs for the new accounts they will have access to.
- Then select, **Submit**.

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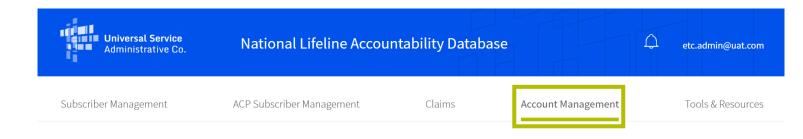
#### **Existing NLAD Account**

- To link an existing NLAD account, the 497 Officer or ETC Administrator will download and complete the <u>Linking Representatives File Upload Template</u>.
  - Enter "link" in the link type column.
  - Enter the first name, last name, and Representative ID.
  - Enter the **username** (email address) of the representative's NLAD or National Verifier account.
  - Leave "api-ld" and "batch" columns blank.
- Save the file in the .CSV format.

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- To upload the file, the 497
   Officer or ETC
   Administrator will:
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     Portal.
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     Management from the mega menu.
  - Then, Manage
     Representative IDs.



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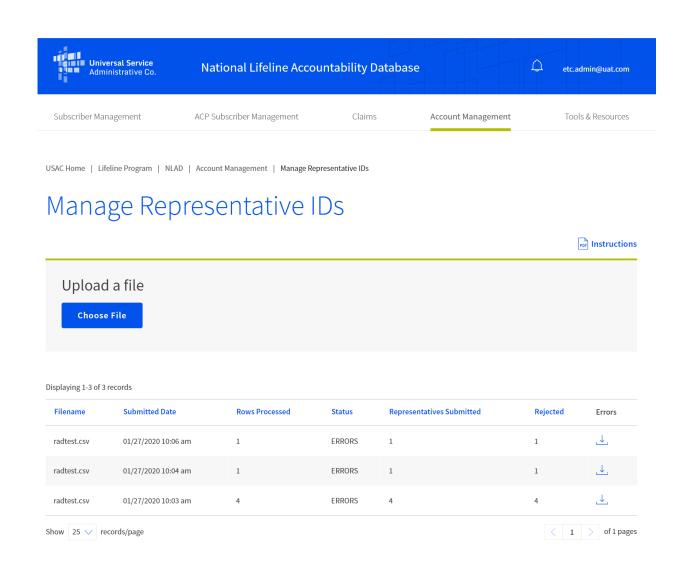
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# Linking Accounts Existing NLAD Subaccount

- The 497 Officer or ETC
   Administrator will upload the completed template by clicking
   Choose File.
  - If the upload is successful, no further action is required.
  - If the upload is not successful, they will need to download the error file and make corrections.

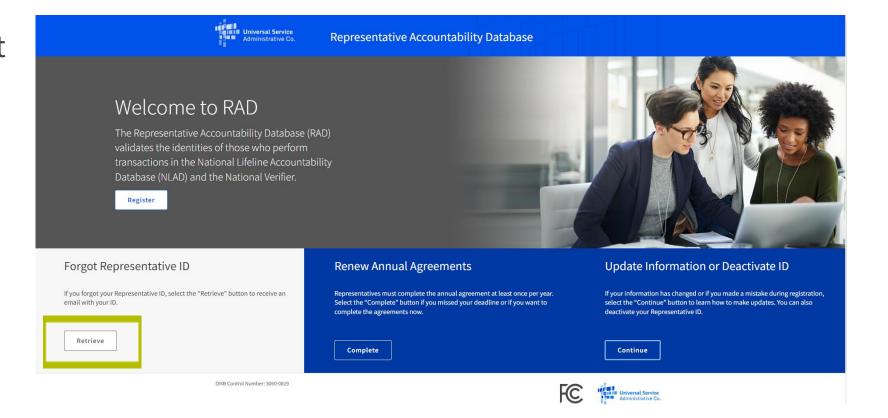


# Linking Accounts Linking to API ID

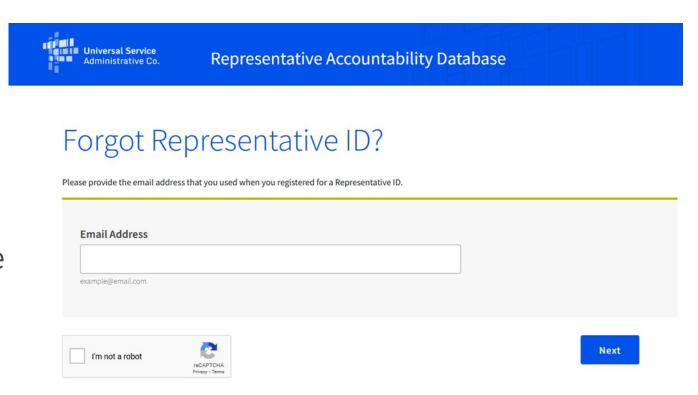
- To link Representative IDs to an API ID, you must have ETC Admin user permissions.
- USAC provides two complete step-by-step guides:
- To link a Representative ID to an API account:
  - NLAD Production Guide: Linking Representative IDs to API Accounts.
- To link a Representative ID to Batch users:
  - NLAD Production Guide: Linking Representative IDs to API Accounts.

# **Questions?**

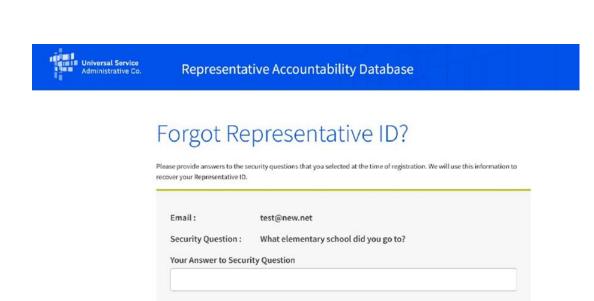
To retrieve your
 Representative ID visit
 <u>LifelineRAD.org</u> and
 select **Retrieve**.



- Enter your registered Representative ID email address.
- USAC communication with your Representative ID will be sent from <u>noreply@usac.org</u>. Monitor your spam inbox.



 Provide the answers to the security questions you selected when completing RAD registration.



Security Question: In what city/town was your first job?

What city/town was your mother born in?

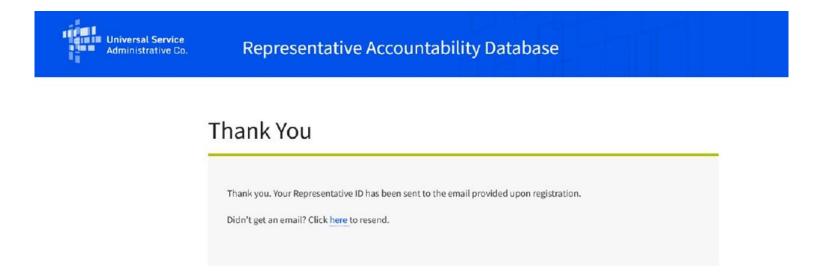
Your Answer to Security Question

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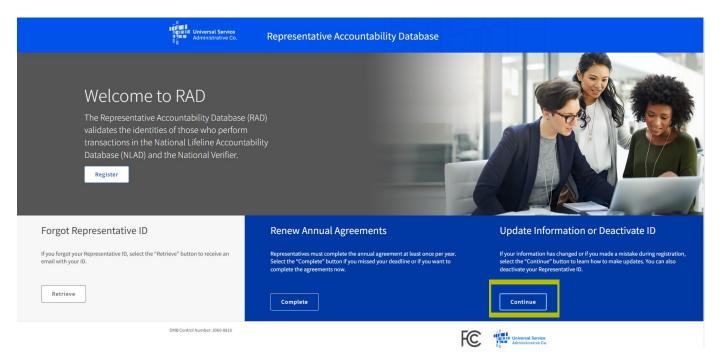
Security Question:

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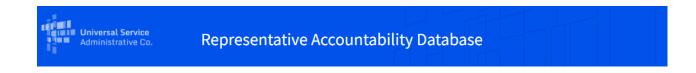
 Once completed, you will receive a success screen in RAD and a confirmation email from USAC stating that your Representative ID will be sent to the email you provided at registration.



- To update your email address, physical address, and/or security questions/answers or deactivate your account:
  - Visit <u>LifelineRAD.org</u>
  - Under the Update Information or Deactivate ID section, select Continue.



- Enter your Representative ID or email address.
- Select Submit.



#### Update Information or Deactivate ID

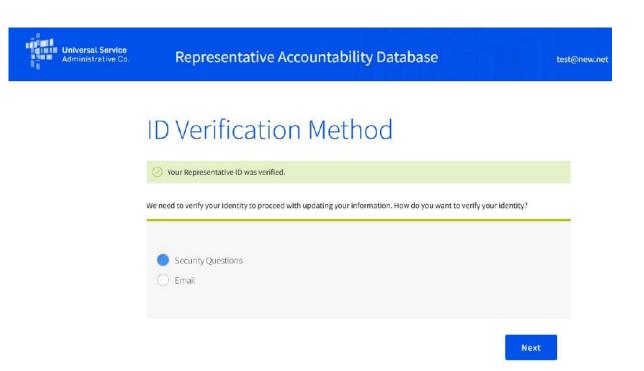
Representative ID or Email

123abc456 or example@email.com

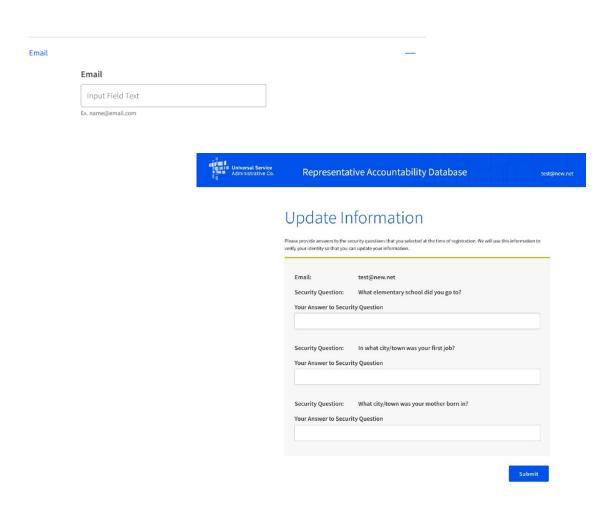
Provide your Representative ID or the email address you used during RAD registration to update your address, email address, or security questions. You can also



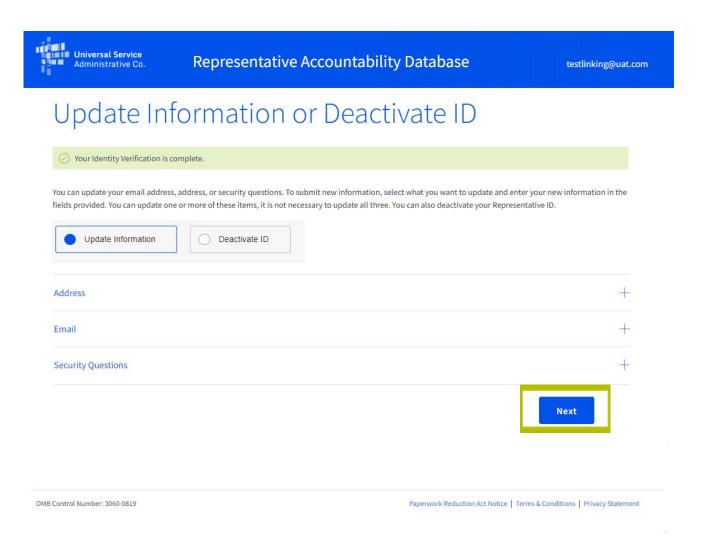
- Select how you want to verify your identity by either:
  - Answering security questions, or
  - Inputting your email address.



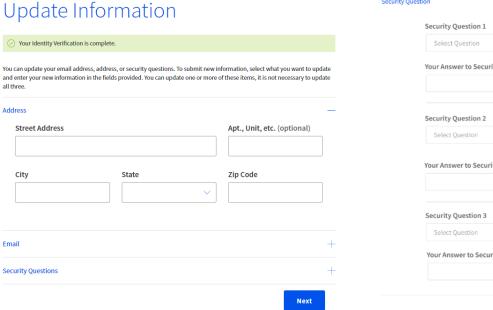
- If you select security questions:
  - You will be asked to provide the answers to the security questions you selected at registration.
- If you select email address:
  - You will need to enter your email address and select **Submit**.

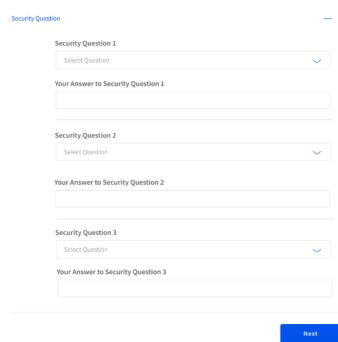


 Once your identity has been verified, select
 Update Information.



- You may choose to update your security questions, email, or address.
- Enter your information and select **Next**.
  - You cannot update your name, date of birth, or last four digits of your SSN.





 Review and confirm your updated information in RAD and select Submit.



What time were you born? (for example, 6:30AM)

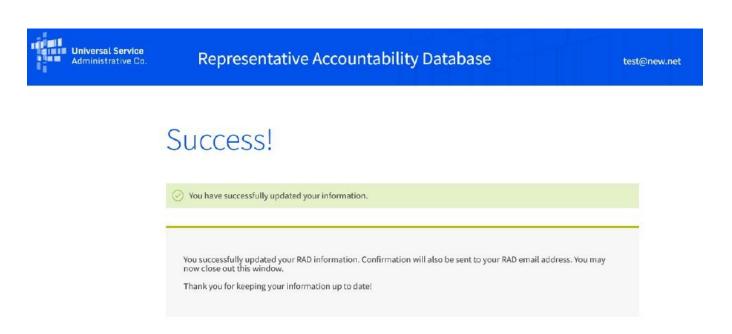
Security Question 3: What city/town was your mother born in?

Security Question 2:

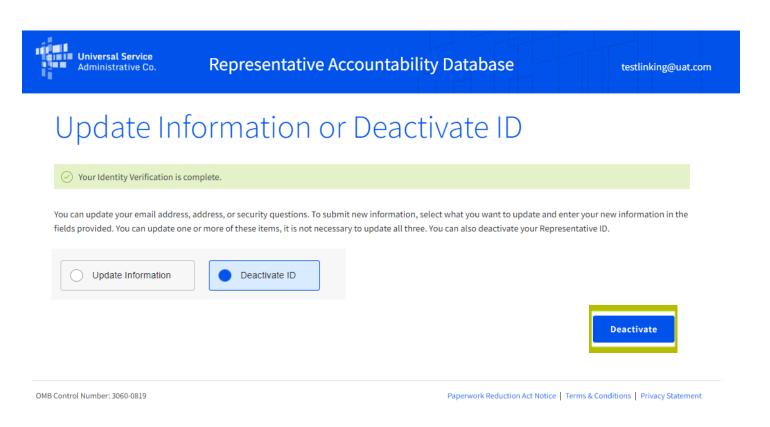
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Your Answer: a

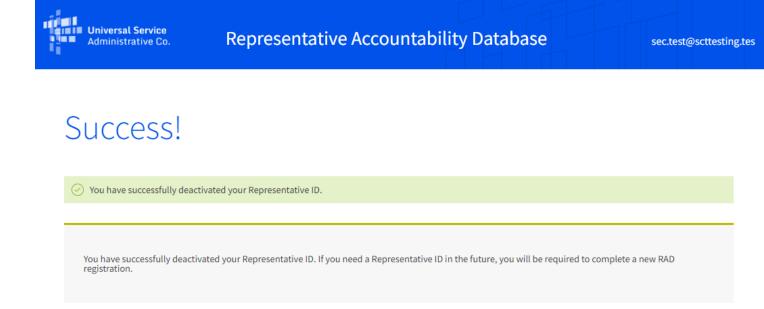
- Once the update is complete:
  - USAC will send you an email confirming successful update.



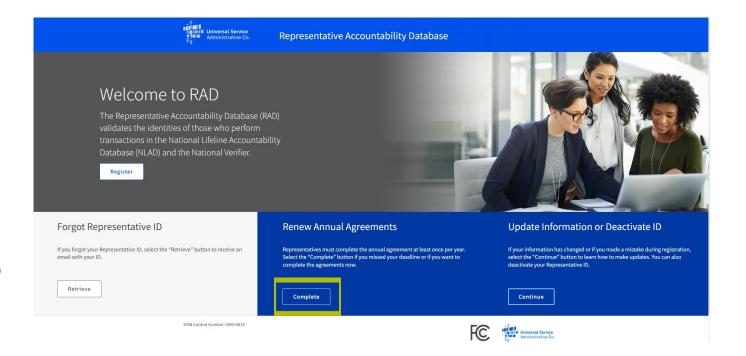
- You may also choose to Deactivate your ID.
- If so, select **Deactivate ID** then **Deactivate**.



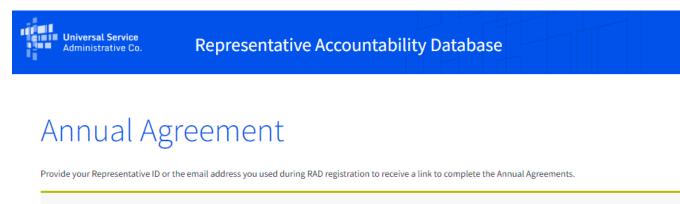
- Once the deactivation is complete:
  - USAC will send you an email confirming the deactivation.
  - You will not be able to perform transactions in the National Verifier and/or NLAD.

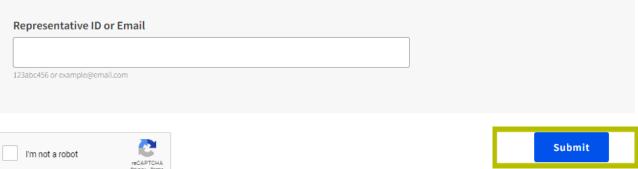


- You must agree to the terms and conditions of USAC's Lifeline systems each year as required in the FCC's 2019 Lifeline Order.
- USAC encourages you to complete the Representative ID annual agreement process from a desktop at <u>LifelineRAD.org</u>.
- Navigate to the Review Annual Agreements section and select Complete.

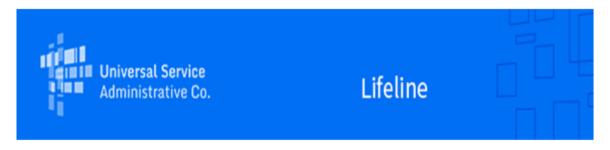


- Enter your Representative ID or the email address you used to register.
- Select Submit.





- USAC communication with instructions to complete the annual agreement will be sent from noreply@usac.org.
- Monitor your spam inbox.



#### Action Required: Complete Annual Agreement

#### Complete the Annual Agreement

Thank you for initiating the process to complete the Representative Accountability Database (RAD) annual agreement. Click <a href="here">here</a> to complete the agreement on the RAD website.

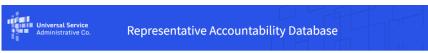
Enrollment representatives are required to complete the annual agreement once a year. If you do not complete the annual agreement within a year from when you last completed it, you will be unable to access Lifeline systems and/or perform transactions until you have done so.

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 Read each statement and check the boxes to confirm agreement.



#### Annual Agreement To begin or continue performing National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) and/or Lifeline National Eligibility Verifier (National Verifier) transactions, review and agree to the following: The information associated with my representative ID is current and accurate. I will always update my contact information in RAD within 30 days of a change. I will always use my Representative ID to perform transactions in NLAD and the National Verifier. My Representative ID is my unique identification. No one else may use my Representative ID. I will not provide my Representative ID to anyone except the service provider(s) I work for. I will not use or provide any fraudulent, misleading, or inaccurate information when performing Lifeline transactions. I acknowledge that I will only use NLAD and the National Verifier for their specified purposes. I understand and agree to the National Verifier terms and conditions. I understand and agree to the NLAD terms and conditions. I understand and agree to the RAD terms and conditions. I acknowledge that I am providing information to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), a U.S.-based entity created by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that performs activities on behalf of the FCC. If I fail to comply with any of the above requirements, USAC's guidance, the FCC's program rules, or any applicable laws, I understand that my access to NLAD and/or National Verifier may be suspended or terminated for unauthorized and/or unlawful use and the service provider may be subject to FCC enforcement action and law enforcement prosecution as a result of my actions. **Your Signature** Type your full legal name below. rstand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name by pen

- Provide an e-signature by typing in your full legal name (as it appears on official documentation).
- Check the box and select Next.

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ype your full legal name below.		
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I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name by pen.		

- Once the Annual Agreement process is complete:
  - You will receive a success screen.
  - USAC will send you an email confirming completion of the Annual Agreement.



You have successfully completed the RAD Annual Agreements

You will need to complete the RAD Annual Agreements again next year by January 11, 2023. We will send you a reminder next year before the deadline. You can now close this window in your browser.

Thank you for completing the Annual Agreements!

# **Questions?**

#### Resources

#### Service Provider Resources

For general RAD information, visit the RAD web page.

The <u>RAD Resources</u> page includes:

- A RAD Fact Sheet.
- NLAD Staging Guides for linking individual user accounts and APIs.
- NLAD Production Guides for linking individual user accounts, APIs, and batch users.
- Linking Representatives File Upload Template.

### **Thank You!**

