

# What are the requirements for creating a password?

Passwords must:

- Have a minimum of 12 characters
- Be different from your previous 24 passwords
- Include characters from at least three of the following types:
  - ◆ Uppercase letters
  - ◆ Lowercase letters
  - ◆ Numbers
  - ◆ Special characters (e.g., \$ ! @ #)

Passwords must not contain:

- Your name, Agency User ID (AUID), birth date, Social Security number, family member or pet's name, or any other personal information
- A division or branch name
- A dictionary word of any language
- The name of a sports team, automobile, vendor, contractor, product, or product nickname
- Repetitive characters or keyboard patterns (for example, "abc#ABC", "1234", "qwerty")

For more guidance, see [Password Creation Rules](#).

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