Initial Direct Access Sign On/Change My Password/Forgot Password

Overview

Introduction

This guide will provide Retirees, Annuitants, and Former Spouses the procedures for how to sign into Direct Access for the first time, change their password, and use the forgotten password feature in Direct Access (DA).

This guide also provides a list of internet browsers compatible with DA and guidance on how to turn off pop-up blockers, necessary when attempting to access certain documents such as payslips and tax documents.

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Initial Direct Access Sign-In

Introduction

This section will provide Retirees, Annuitants, and Former Spouses the procedures for logging into Direct Access (DA) for the first time.

Before You Begin

If you have never logged into Direct Access (DA), your default password will be set up for you initially. The formula for your default password is:

THeUSCG + last 4 of your SSN + @ + four digit birth year

For example, if the last 4 of your SSN is 1234 and you were born in 1966, your default password will be **THeUSCG1234@1966**. The password is case sensitive, so be sure to capitalize where appropriate when you type it.

You will be prompted to change your password upon your initial login.

NOTE: If you run into issues and are unable to log on, please contact PPC Customer Care at 1-866-772-8724 or <u>ppc-dg-customercare@uscg.mil</u>.

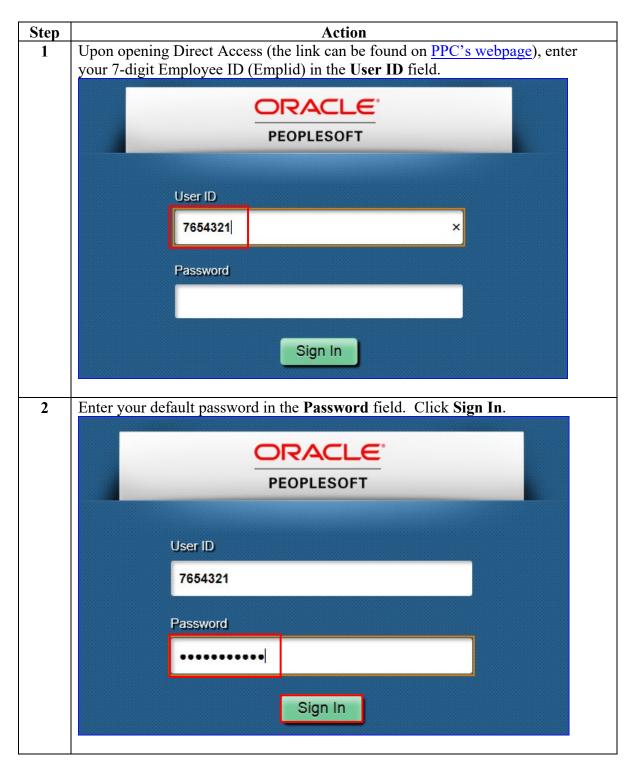
Password Rules

- Your password:
 - ✓ Must contain at least 15 characters
 - ✓ Must contain at least one number
 - ✓ Must contain at least one uppercase letter
 - ✓ Must contain at least one lowercase letter
 - ✓ Must contain at least one special character (!@#\$%^&*()=+_- {}[]\><)
- Passwords need to be changed every 35 days (DA will prompt you to change your password when logging in if the 35 days has elapsed).
- When changing your password, it cannot be any of the last 9 used for DA.
- Passwords cannot be the same as your user ID (your user ID will never change or expire).
- Do not create passwords based on personal information that can be easily accessed or guessed.
- Do not create passwords using words that can be found in any dictionary in any language.
- Use different passwords for different systems.
- Develop a mnemonic for remembering your password (do not write it down).

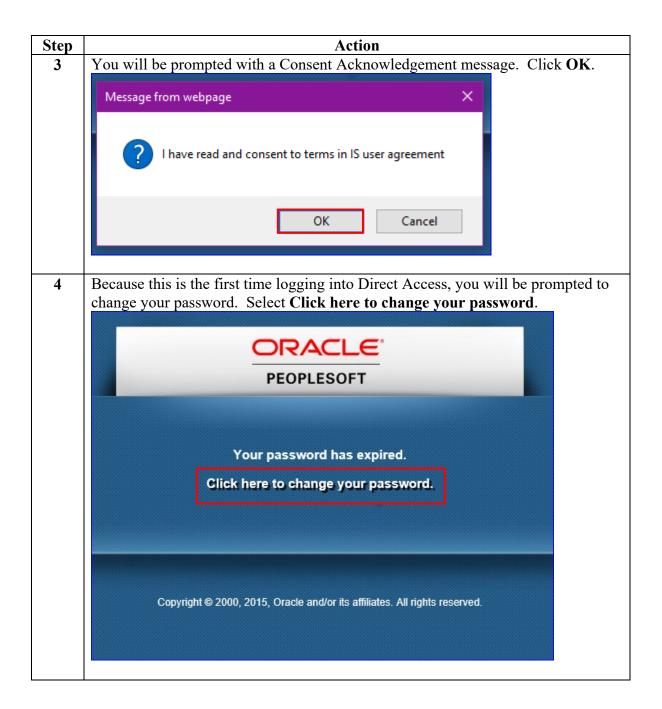
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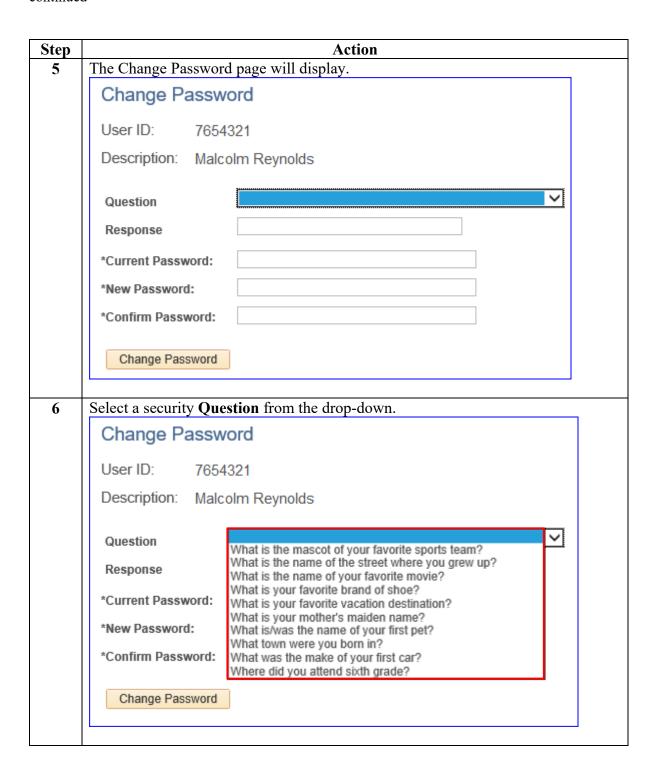
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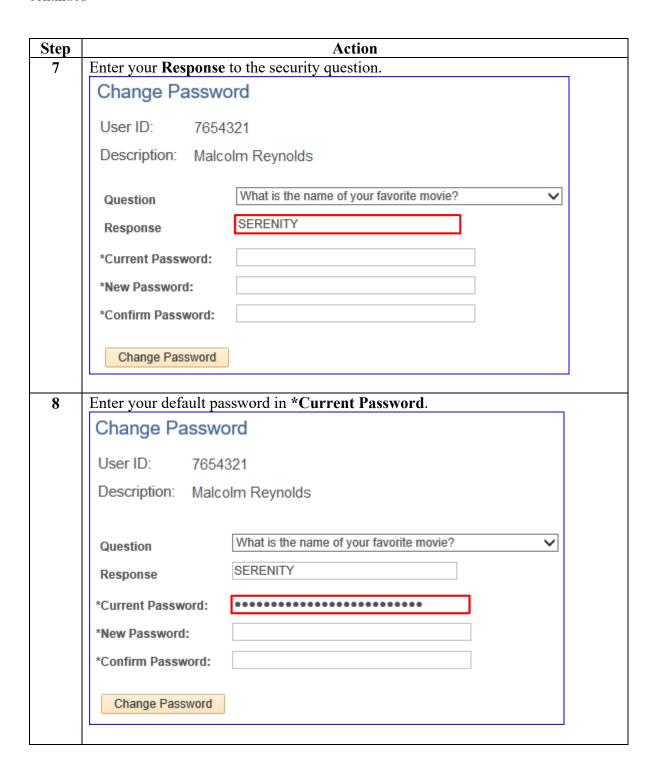
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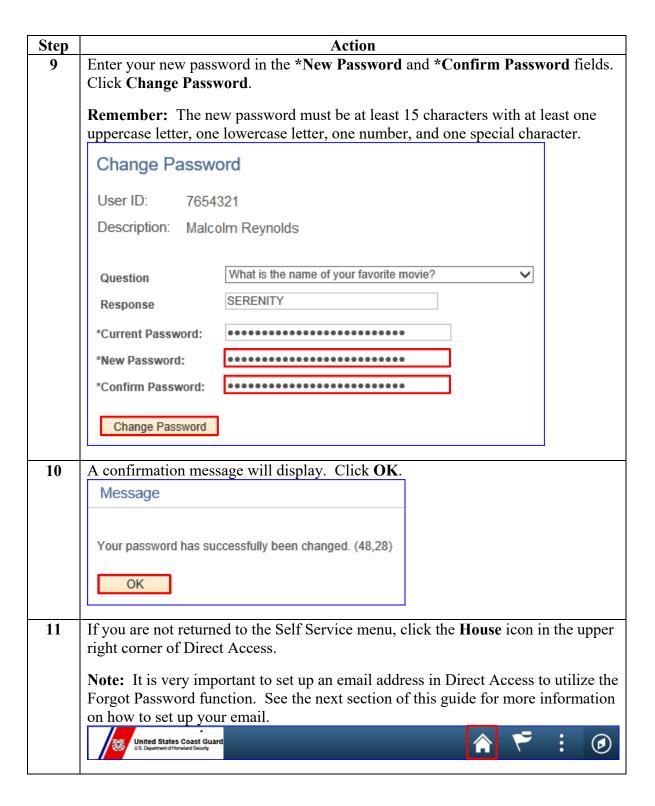
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Setting up My Email

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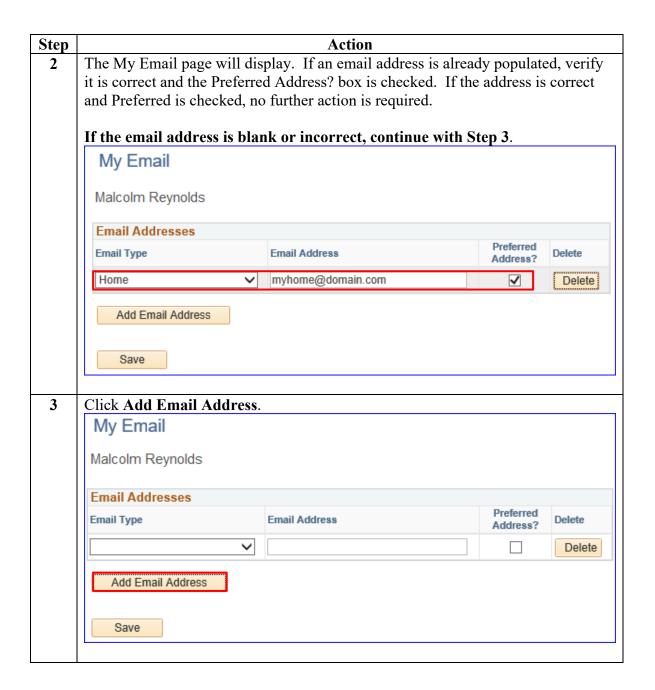
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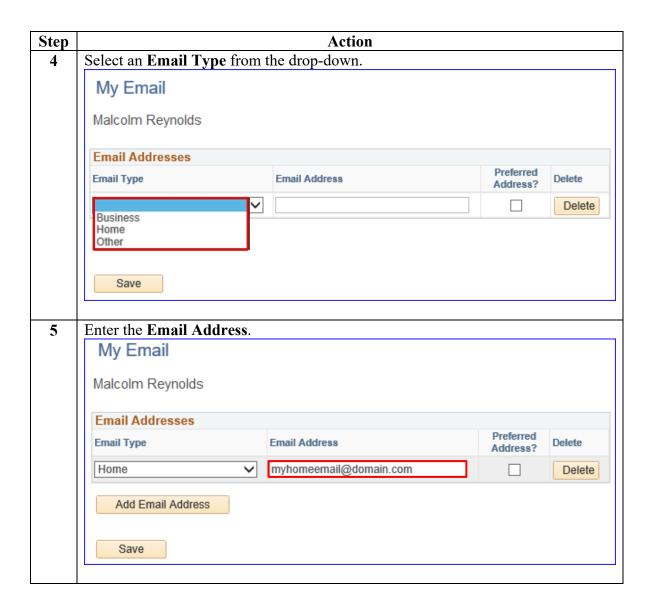
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Change My Password

Introduction

This section provides the procedures for a Retiree, Annuitant, or Former Spouse to change their password to access Direct Access (DA).

Password Rules

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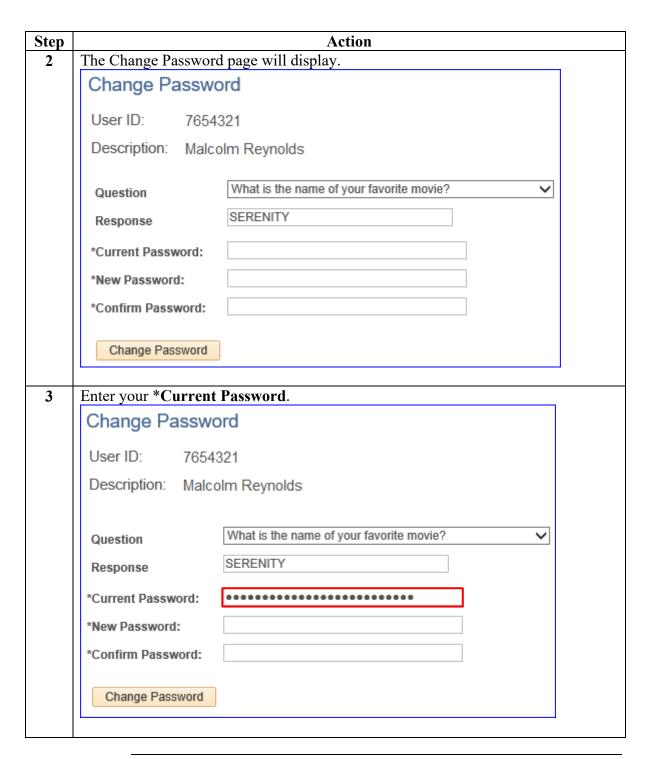
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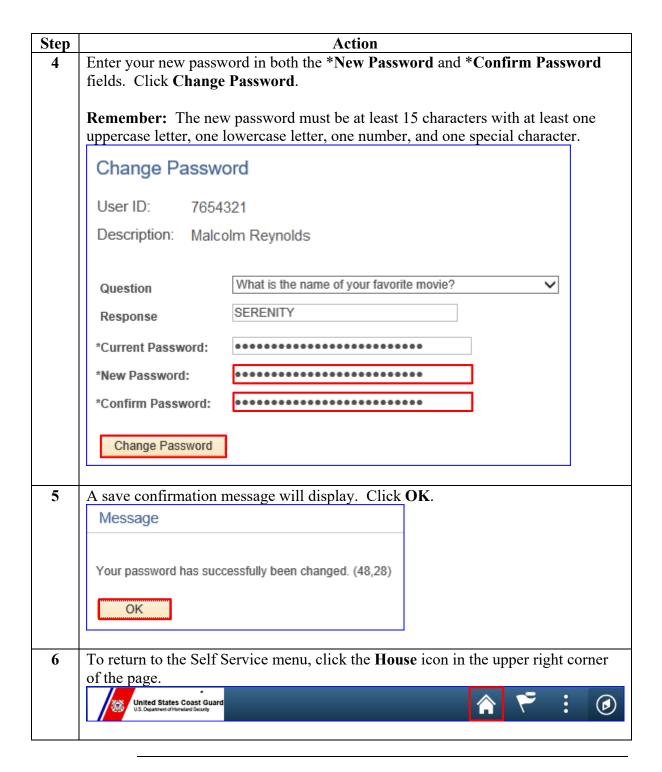
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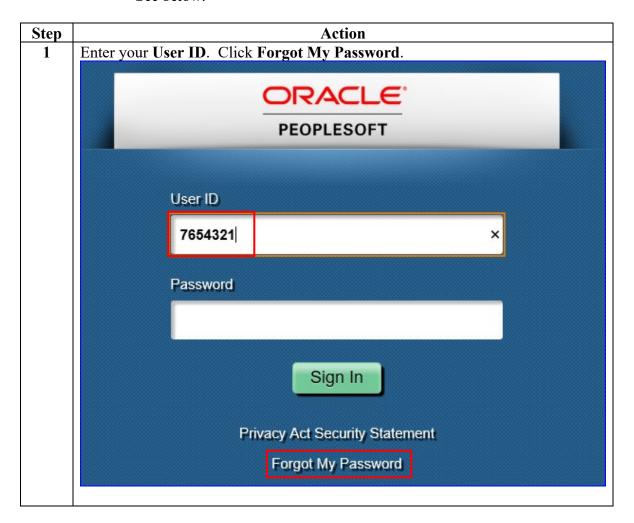


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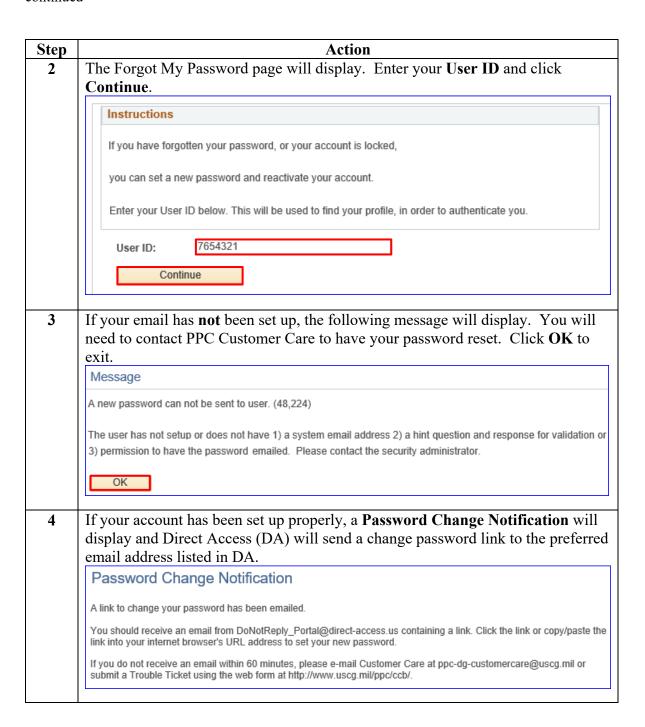
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Important Information This feature will only work if an email address and security question have been set up previously.

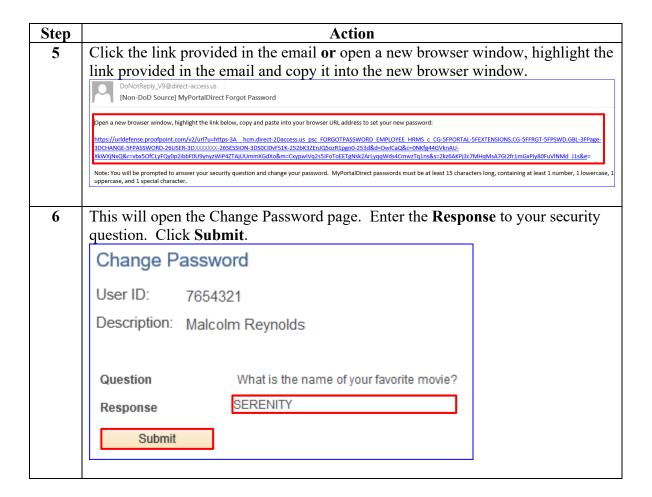
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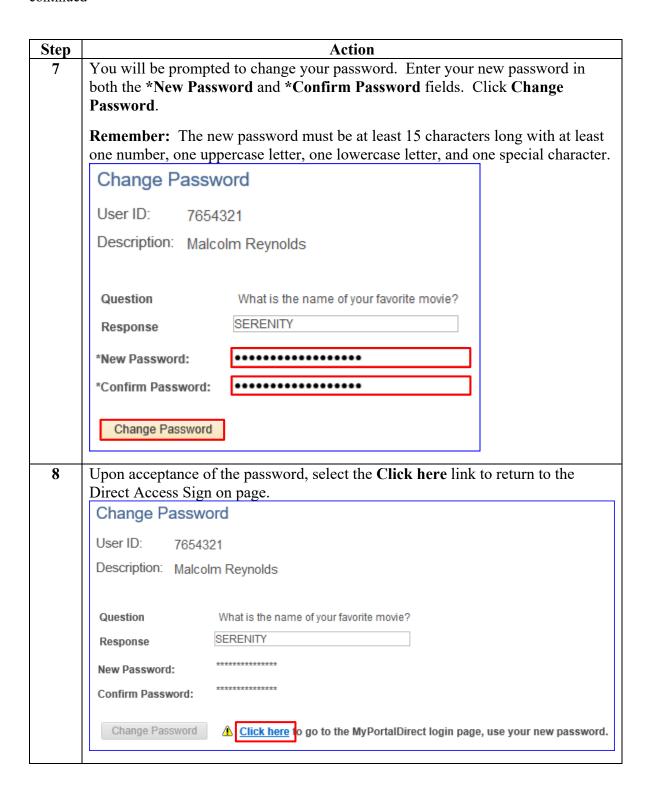
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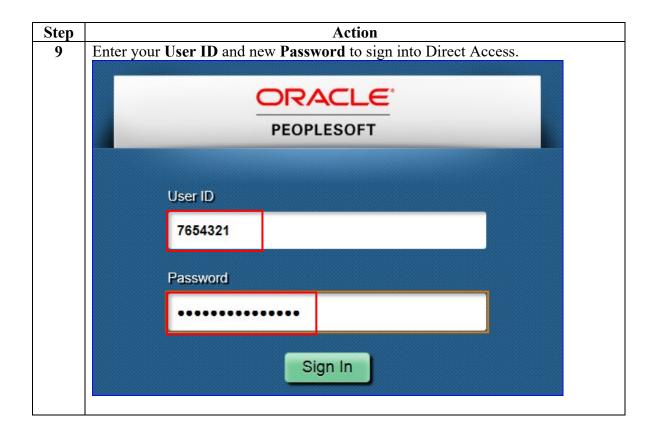
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Direct Access Browser Requirements

Introduction

This guide provides a list of internet browsers compatible with Direct Access (DA). This guide will also provide guidance on how to turn off pop-up blockers, necessary when attempting to access certain documents such as payslips and tax documents.

Compatible Devices

Currently, only desktop and laptop computers can support Direct Access (DA) using the compatible web browsers listed below. At this time, mobile devices such as cell phones and tablets are not supported. DA is in the process of being converted and tested for use on mobile devices.

Compatible Web Browsers

Browser/Version Mozilla Firefox (Max OS X & Windows Google Chrome (Mac OS X & Windows 10) 10) Support for the most current major stable channel release only Support for the most current major ESR version and above, in production only Microsoft Internet Explorer (Windows 10) Microsoft Edge (Windows 10) Support for the latest major version of Microsoft Internet Explorer 11- Microsoft Microsoft Edge Chromium. has deprecated IE 11 in Windows 10 and recommends using Edge as the default browser. Apple Safari (for iOS & Max OS X operating systems) Support for most current major production release and one prior release

Turning off Pop-up Blockers

Introduction

This section provides the procedures for turning off pop-up blockers to allow for the viewing and printing of payslips and tax documents in Direct Access (DA).

Google Chrome (for Windows)



- 1) Click the **Customize and Control Google Chrome** menu (the 3 dots located in the upper right corner of the browser).
- 2) Select Settings.
- 3) Scroll to the bottom of the list and click **Advanced**.
- 4) Locate Privacy and Security section and click Content/Site Settings button.
- 5) Select Pop-ups and redirects.
- 6) Click the **Blocked (recommended)** switch.

Microsoft Internet Explorer



- 1) Click the **Tools** menu (the gear icon located in the upper right corner of the browser).
- 2) Select Internet options.
- 3) Select the **Privacy** tab.
- 4) Uncheck the **Turn on Pop-up Blocker** box.
- 5) Click OK.

Modzilla Firefox



- 1) Click **Open menu** (the three bars located in the upper right corner of the browser).
- 2) Click **Options** (or Preferences depending on the version begin used).
- 3) Select **Privacy & Security** (located on the left side of the page).
- 4) Scroll down the page and uncheck **Block pop-up windows** box.
- 5) Close and relaunch Firefox browser.

Microsoft Edge



- 1) Click the **More** button (the three dots located in the upper right corner of the browser).
- 2) Select Settings.
- 3) Scroll down and select View Advanced Settings.
- 4) Click the **Block pop-ups** switch to off.

Apple Safari



- 1) Click the Safari menu.
- 2) From the drop-down menu, select **Preferences**.
- 3) Select Security.
- 4) Uncheck the **Block pop-up windows** box.