



GeoPlatform Account Setup: External Partner

Create a Login.gov Account

1. Go to https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/enter_email.
 - a. Fill out the requested information & click **Submit**
2. You will receive an email and will need to click the **Confirm email address** button (check Spam)
3. Click **Confirm email address**.
4. **Create a password** for your [Login.gov](https://secure.login.gov) account and click **Continue**.

You will be prompted to set up an **authentication method** (i.e. two-factor authentication). Two-factor authentication is **required** to access GeoPlatform content when signing in with the Login.gov account. (The legacy GeoPlatform sign in will expire on November 1, 2021.)

Login.gov currently offers 5 different authentication methods. Choose the authentication method with the **highest security** that best suits your needs. Multiple authentication methods can be set up.

Preference of authentication methods for External Partners:

- Authentication application (e.g., Microsoft Authenticator)
- Phone (SMS/Voice; charges may occur)

Authentication Application

Instructions shown for Microsoft Authenticator, however other authentication applications should work similarly.

1. Click **Authentication application**.
2. Click **Continue**.
3. Enter a **nickname** for this authentication method.

Authentication method setup

Add a second layer of security so only you can sign in to your account.

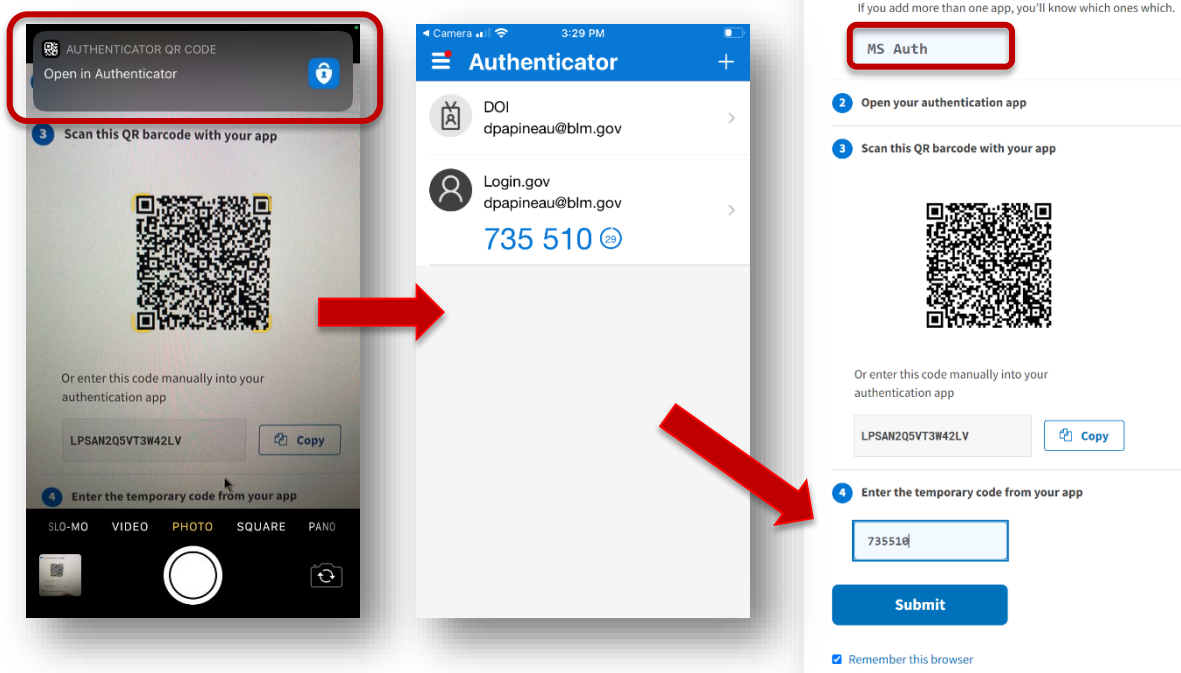
Keep this information safe. You will be locked out and have to create a new account if you lose your authentication method.

Select an option to secure your account:

- Security key**
Use a security key that you have. It's a physical device that you plug in or that is built in to your computer or phone (it often looks like a USB flash drive). Recommended because it is more phishing resistant. **MORE SECURE**
- Government employee ID**
Insert your government or military PIV or CAC card and enter your PIN. **MORE SECURE**
- 1** **Authentication application**
Get codes from an app on your phone, computer, or tablet. Recommended because it is harder to intercept than texts or phone calls. **SECURE**
- 2** **Phone**
Get security codes by text message (SMS) or phone call. Please do not use web-based (VOIP) phone services. **LESS SECURE**
- Backup codes**
We'll give you 10 codes. You can use backup codes as your only authentication method, but it is the least recommended method since notes can get lost. Keep them in a safe place. **LEAST SECURE**

Continue

4. Scanning the QR code can either be done from within the MS Authenticator app, as shown on the directions. Or you can open the mobile device's **camera's app** and use that to scan the QR code.
 - a. To scan with MS Authenticator:
 - i. Open MS Authenticator on your mobile device. Tap the “+” in the top right.
 - ii. Tap **Work or school account**.
 - iii. Tap **Scan QR code** and **scan** the code. Scanning the code will populate all of the necessary information.
 - iv. Alternatively, you can enter the code shown on the website into the app. Tap **Or enter code manually**, enter the code, tap **Finish**.
 - b. To scan with the device's camera:
 - i. Open the camera app. **Scan the on-screen QR code** with your camera.
5. You should receive a push notification on your device prompting you to open the **Authenticator app**.
6. **Enter the code** in the authentication app into the website. If the code times out and changes, simply enter the new code.
7. Click **Submit**.



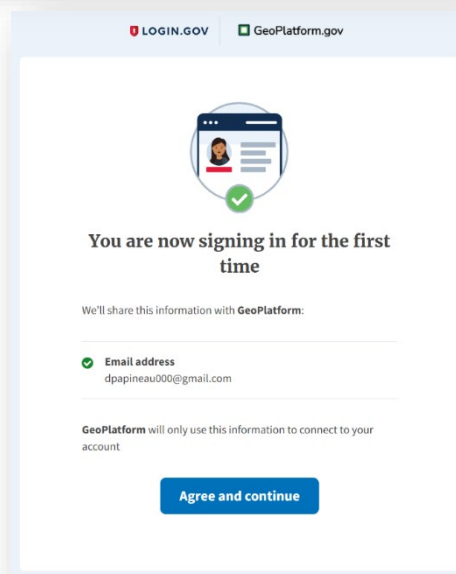
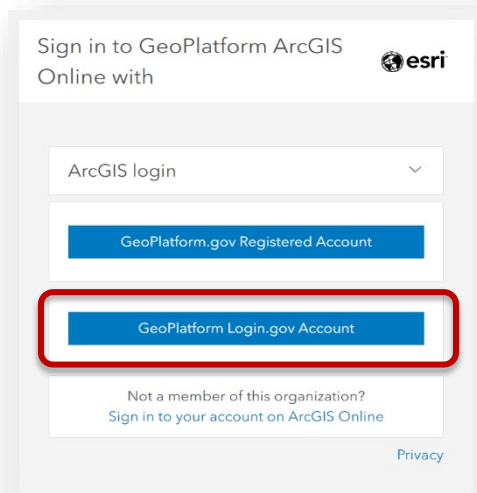
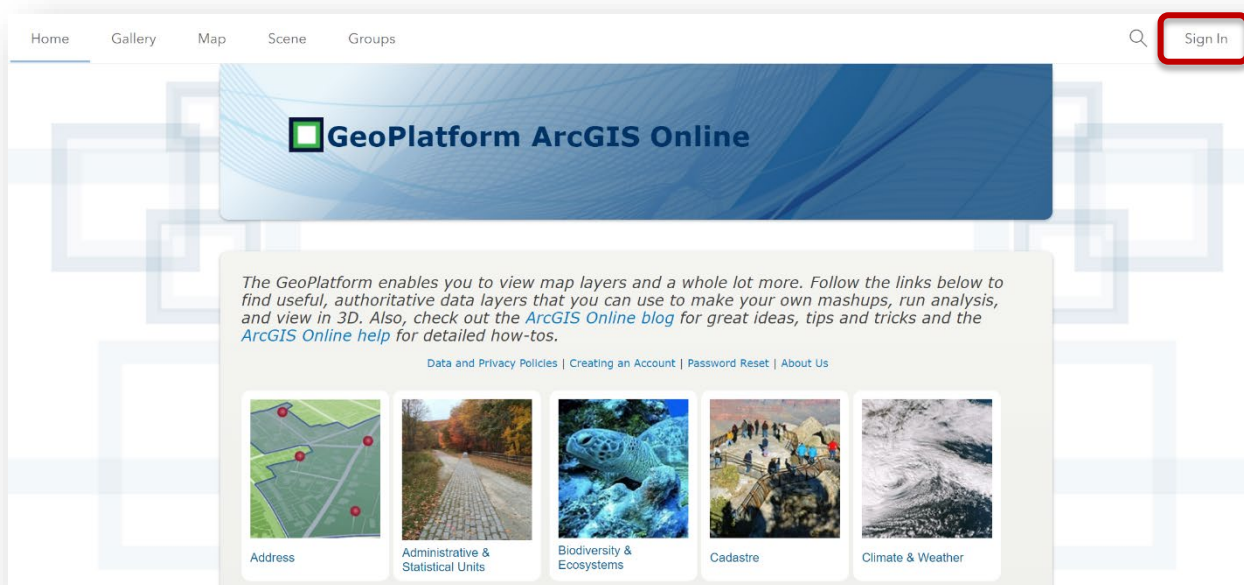
Once you have at least one **authentication method** set up, you will be redirected to the Login.gov **Your account** page. You may add additional authentication methods here at any time. Click on **Your authentication methods** on the left.



Create a GeoPlatform Account with your Login.gov Account

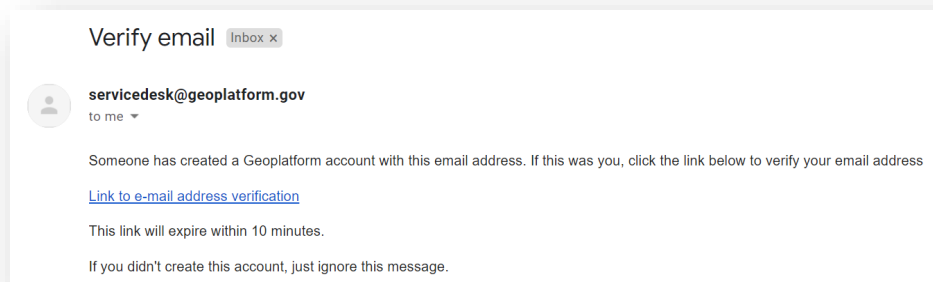
Now that you have a [Login.gov](#) account created with an authentication method associated with it, you need to create a GeoPlatform Login.gov account.

1. Go to <https://geoplatform.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>
2. Click **Sign In**.
3. Click **GeoPlatform Login.gov Account**.
4. Click **Agree and continue**.





5. On the **Update Account Information** window, confirm the username and email address is correct. ****Do NOT change the username.**
6. Enter your first and last name and click **Submit**.
7. Submitting your account updates will direct you to verify your email address.
 - a. Leave this window open until you have received the email.
8. Return to your email and click the **“Link to e-mail address verification”**
 - i. The email verification link may expire in **10 minutes**. If this happens, request another email in the open browser window (shown in previous step).
 - ii. Email will be received from servicedesk@geoplatform.gov.



9. After clicking the link in the email, GeoPlatform AGOL should launch in a new window, and you should be signed in.

Note that when you sign into GeoPlatform, your username will be the first part of your email and may have a random number appended to it if that username already exists within ArcGIS Online.

Read, Sign, and Submit: DOI Information Security Rules of Behavior for External Partners

1. Obtain a copy of the **DOI Information Security Rules of Behavior for External Partners** document from your BLM sponsor.
2. Read the document carefully.
3. **Print out and sign the final page** (page 3).
4. Send the signed agreement to your BLM sponsor (either a physical copy or scanned PDF copy will do).
5. Lastly, **inform your BLM sponsor what your GeoPlatform username is.**

Your BLM sponsor will notify you when they have completed the remainder of the steps to give your account the ability to edit BLM data.