Activating Your NetID

This section is for students, faculty, and staff who wish to activate their NetID.

Steps

To activate your NetID,

1. Navigate to the **NetID website**.
2. On the home page of the NetID website, click on the **Activate** button under the **Activate NetID** heading.
3. You will be prompted on the next screen to enter your NetID into the field provided. Enter your NetID.
   a. If you provided your Social Security number (SSN) on your application, you can use the **Activate using Social Security Number and Date of Birth** feature. To use this feature, enter the last four digits of your SSN and then your date of birth, using the format MM/DD/YYYY.
   b. If you did not provide your SSN on your application, you have been provided an Activation Code in a separate e-mail or text. Use the **Activate using Activation Code** feature. Enter your activation code and your date of birth, using the format MM/DD/YYYY.
4. You will then be directed to a separate page where you will be prompted to set up a password for your activated NetID.

Password Complexity Rules:

- The password must be at least eight characters long.
- The password must contain characters from three of the following four categories:
  - Upper Case: A B C ...
  - Lower Case: a b c ...
  - Numbers: 1 2 3 ..
  - Limited Symbols: + - _ = . @ ?
- The password cannot contain any three consecutive characters that are part of your name or NetID.
- You cannot reuse your previous password.

5. Once you have successfully created a password, follow the prompts to set up a recovery method by using the **Secondary E-mail and Mobile** feature. This will allow you to change a forgotten password in the future.

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