



The Department of Business Oversight

# ***Opening Encrypted Email Messages Instructions***

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## Introduction

Email encryption allows the Department of Business Oversight (DBO) to communicate securely with the other financial regulators, licensees, state agencies, and the public.

If you receive an email message from DBO (@dbo.ca.gov) with “[secure]” or “[encrypt]” in the Subject line, the following instructions will assist you to open the encrypted message and respond as necessary.

## How to open an encrypted email message from the Department of Business Oversight

- 1) *Open the secure message in your Inbox.*

You've received an encrypted message from user@dbo.ca.gov

To view your message  
Save and open the attachment (message.html), and follow the instructions.  
Sign in using the following email address: user@yahoo.com

This email message and its attachments are for the sole use of the intended recipient or recipients and may contain confidential information. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender and delete this message.

Message encryption by Microsoft Office 365

- 2) *Open the attachment (message.html).*

- 3) **If you receive or expect to receive a high volume of encrypted email correspondence from the Department of Business Oversight, we recommend you proceed to “Option to Setup a Microsoft Account” on page 4.**

*If you do not wish to create an account, select “Don't want to sign in? Get a one-time passcode to view the message.”*

encrypted message from  
user@dbo.ca.gov

To view your message, sign in using the following email address:  
user@yahoo.com

[SIGN IN AND VIEW YOUR ENCRYPTED MESSAGE](#)

[Don't want to sign in? Get a one-time passcode to view the message.](#)

Message encryption by Microsoft Office 365



4) *The Outlook.Office365.com URL will open with the following:*

We sent a passcode to [user@yahoo.com](mailto:user@yahoo.com)

Please check your email, enter the passcode that corresponds with the reference code, and click continue. The passcode will expire in 15 minutes.

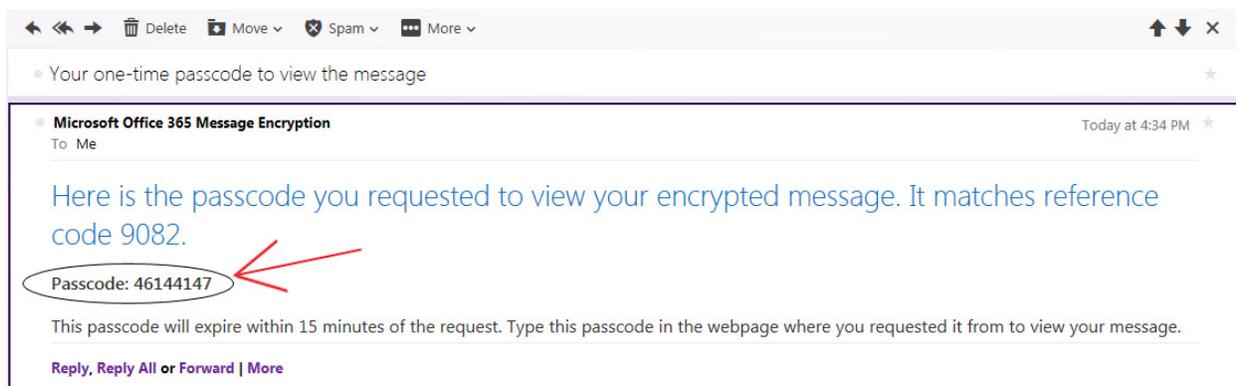
Reference code: 9082

Passcode

 CONTINUE

[Didn't receive the passcode? Click here to get another one.](#)

5) *Return to your email account and open the new email from Microsoft Office 365 Message Encryption titled “Your one-time passcode to view the message”*



6) *Go back to the Microsoft Office 365 Message Encryption page and enter the passcode:*

We sent a passcode to [user@yahoo.com](mailto:user@yahoo.com)

Please check your email, enter the passcode that corresponds with the reference code, and click continue. The passcode will expire in 15 minutes.

Reference code: 9082

Passcode

 CONTINUE

[Didn't receive the passcode? Click here to get another one.](#)

7) *Select “Continue” and the encrypted email will open.*



**Recommended if you receive a high volume of encrypted correspondence from the Department of Business Oversight**

## OPTION TO CREATE A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT

- 1) Once the attachment in the encrypted email has been downloaded (message.html), select **“SIGN IN AND VIEW YOUR ENCRYPTED MESSAGE”**

encrypted message from  
**user@dbo.ca.gov**

To view your message, sign in using the following email address:  
**user@yahoo.com**

 [SIGN IN AND VIEW YOUR ENCRYPTED MESSAGE](#)

[Don't want to sign in? Get a one-time passcode to view the message.](#)

- 2) Click **“CREATE A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT FOR <your email address>”**.

We didn't find a Microsoft account for **user@yahoo.com**

To view your encrypted message, you first need to create a Microsoft account by clicking the link below. After the account has been created, follow the instructions in the original message.

 [CREATE A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT FOR user@yahoo.com](#)

[DON'T WANT TO CREATE A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT? GET A ONE-TIME PASSCODE TO VIEW THE MESSAGE](#)

- 3) On the **“Create an account”** page, enter information in each field. Delete the populated entry in the highlighted **“Create password”** field.

Create password

8-character minimum; case sensitive

### Notes:

Enter a birthdate that indicates you are older than 18 years of age, e.g., **January 1, 1990** or a date prior to November 1, 1996.

Uncheck **“Send me promotional offers”** option.

If you prefer to not specify your gender, select **“Not Specified”**.



# Create an account

You can use any email address as the user name for your new Microsoft account, including addresses from Outlook.com, Yahoo! or Gmail. If you already sign in to a Windows PC, tablet, or phone, Xbox Live, Outlook.com, or OneDrive, use that account to [sign in](#).

Name

First  Last

After you sign up, we'll send you a message with a link to verify this user name.

User name

[Or get a new email address](#)

Create password

8-character minimum; case sensitive

Reenter password

Country/region

ZIP code

Birthdate

Month  Day  Year

Gender

4) Be sure to uncheck **“Send me promotional offers...”** and click **“Create account”**.

Help us protect your info

Your phone number helps us keep your account secure.

Country code

Phone number

We want to make sure that a real person is creating an account.

Enter the characters you see

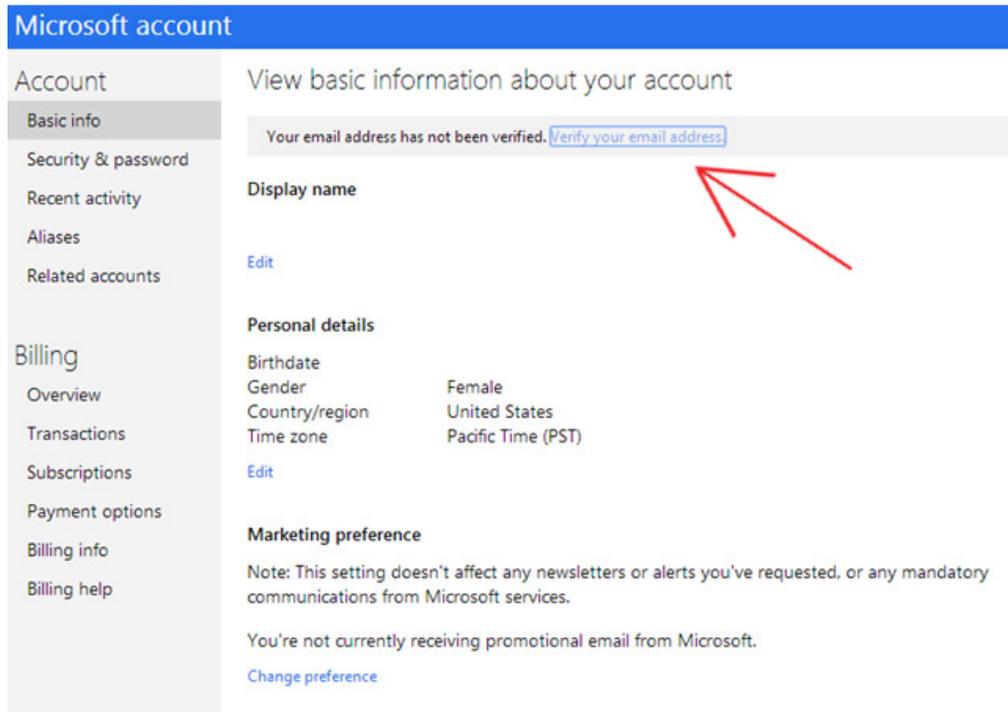
[New](#) | [Audio](#)



Send me promotional offers from Microsoft. You can unsubscribe at any time.

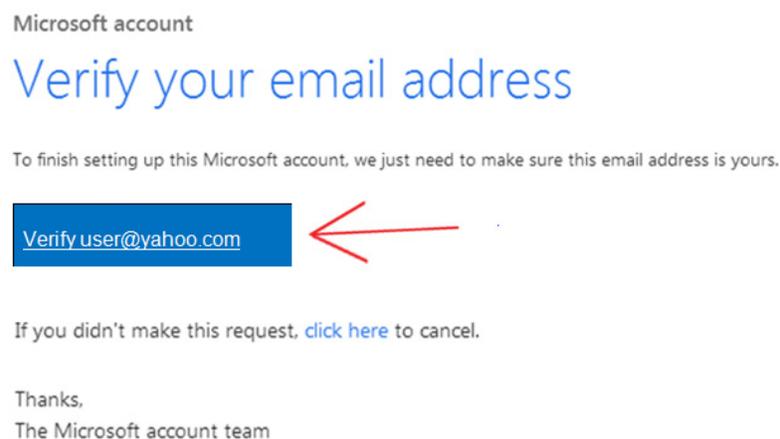
Click **Create account** to agree to the [Microsoft Services Agreement](#) and [privacy and cookies statement](#).

- 5) Review the summary page, edit the information if necessary, and then click “**Verify your email address.**” An email will be sent back to your original email account for verification.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft account settings page. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: Account, Billing, and Related accounts. The 'Account' section is expanded, showing options like Basic info, Security & password, Display name, Personal details, and Marketing preference. A red arrow points to the 'Verify your email address' link in the top right of the account summary area.

- 6) To verify that you are the owner of the email address that you created for the Microsoft account, go to your email account Inbox and open the **Verify your email address** message.



The screenshot shows an email titled 'Verify your email address' from Microsoft. The main content says 'To finish setting up this Microsoft account, we just need to make sure this email address is yours.' Below this is a blue button with the text 'Verify user@yahoo.com'. A red arrow points to this button. At the bottom, it says 'Thanks, The Microsoft account team'.



7) You will see a thank you message for verifying your email address.

Microsoft account

Ready to go!

Thanks for verifying **user@yahoo.com** You can now get back to what you were doing.

8) Once you have verified your email address, return to your inbox to open the original secure message attachment (*message.html*) file again.

*Note: To view the message, select “Download” and select “Save to my computer” or “Save to Dropbox” depending on your email system. Open the message.html file.*

How to View Encrypted Message [encrypt]

**user@dbo**

Today at 4:44 PM ★

To Me

You've received an encrypted message from **user@dbo.ca.gov**

**To view your message**

Save and open the attachment (*message.html*), and follow the instructions.

Sign in using the following email address: **user@yahoo.com**

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9) Select “**SIGN IN AND VIEW YOUR ENCRYPTED EMAIL**”. Sign in with the account you created in the previous section.

encrypted message from  
**user@dbo.ca.gov**

To view your message, sign in using the following email address:

**user@yahoo.com**

[SIGN IN AND VIEW YOUR ENCRYPTED MESSAGE](#)

[Don't want to sign in? Get a one-time passcode to view the message.](#)



10) Enter your sign in information. Select “**Sign in**” and the encrypted email will display.

## Sign in

Microsoft account [What's this?](#)

user@yahoo.com

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Keep me signed in

Sign in

[Can't access your account?](#)

[Sign in with a single-use code](#)

Don't have a Microsoft account? [Sign up now](#)

After registering for the Microsoft account, you will be able to view any encrypted email message from the Department of Business Oversight by logging into the account with your user name and password.

For further assistance, please contact the Department of Business Oversight at (866) 275-2677.