Client Portal Access Instructions

Your username is your email address.

When our Admin Team creates your user portal, you should have received an email from <u>mail@sf-notifications.com</u> welcoming you to the client portal. Be sure to add this email address as well as these other email addresses to your 'safe senders' list so your portal notifications do not unintentionally go to spam.

To ensure you receive Email Notifications

ShareFile notifications arrive from the email addresses listed below. It is recommended that you whitelist emails received from the domain sf-notifications.com

- · noreply@sf-notifications.com
- · mail@sf-notifications.com
- · *.sf-notifications.com

The welcome email will look like this





Jane,

Welcome! You have been added to the account for Anthony V. Ricci, CPA, Inc..

A note from AVR:

Welcome to our Secure Portal!

As a valued client, the security and privacy of your personal and confidential information is one of the most critical aspects in dealing with a CPA firm and we're serious about safeguarding that trust you have given us.

We've added you as a user. This portal allows us to work together efficiently by securing the exchange of tax documents and even large files.

In the coming weeks, our Admin team will be adding clients to their respective directory, as well as adding 2020 to current year tax return - please be patient during this process.

If you have any question, please reach out to Sally or Jill @ 401-942-6900 or admin@ariccicpa.com.

Activate Account

Trouble with the above link? You can copy and paste the following URL into your web browser: https://avrcpa.sharefile.com/?uh=bp

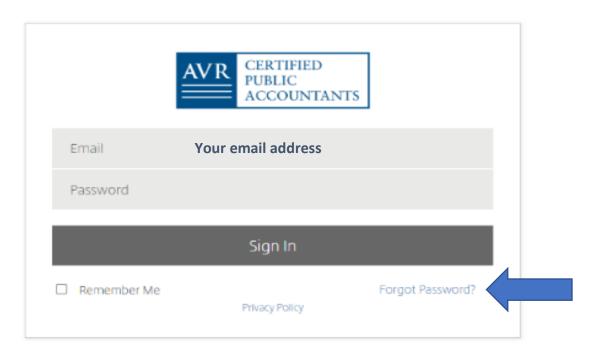
Click on the 'Activate Account' button. A web browser window will appear where you can create the password of your choice.

Your password should

- contain a minimum of 8 characters
- contain 1 upper case and 1 lower case letter
- contain at least 1 number(s)
- contain at least 1 of these special characters: ! " # \$ % ^ & * () _ + = / . ? \ [] | `~ @ '

Please place this password in a safe place because even we won't be able to tell you what the password is should you forget, but you can always reset your password with the 'forgot password' option.

If you did not receive the email with your temporary password, please use the 'Forgot Password?' option. You will be prompted to select a method to receive a verification code and once that code is entered, you will be asked to create a new password of your choice.



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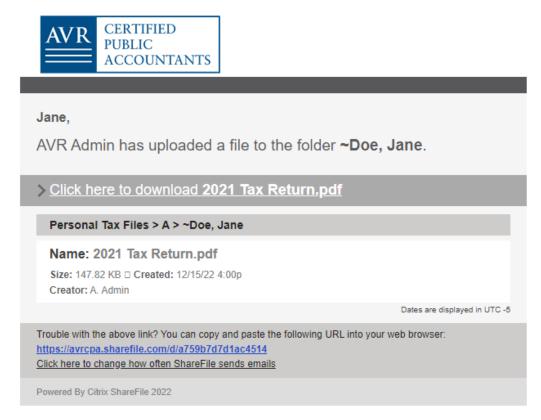
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Once finished with this process, you will have access to <u>all tax returns</u> from 2020 to current that you are affiliated with (personal & business – *if* applicable) using this single login. You can also use this upload tax documents, tax notices, QuickBooks files to the firm, securely!

• When files are added to your portal from Anthony V. Ricci, CPA, Inc. (AVRCPA), you will receive an email notification.

Here's a sample of what that notification email will look like.

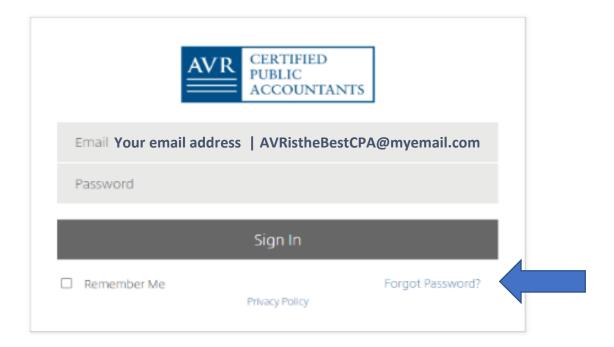




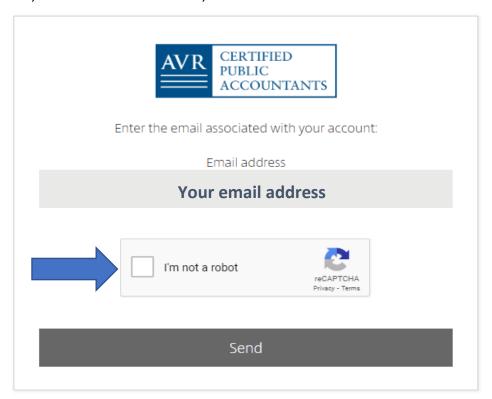
• When you add files to your portal, AVR Admin will receive an email notification. We may rename or move these files to the correct file folder based on our standard file naming convention.

If you are not set up as a user (yet) and would like to access the portal, you do not need to wait for Admin to create your portal. However, it is worth noting that by doing this, your tax returns will not yet be available to you as Admin will need to link your user profile to your specific client folder. Please be patient during this process.

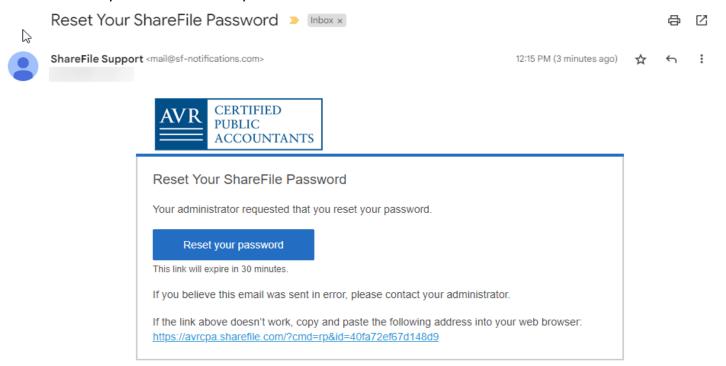
To create your profile yourself, visit <u>AVRCPA.ShareFile.com</u> and click on 'Forgot Password?'



Enter your email address, click the 'I'm not a robot', and then click 'Send'



Citrix will then send you an email to verify the email. The email should look like this.



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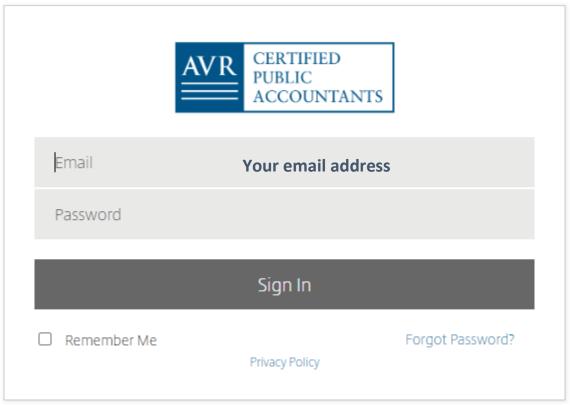
Click on the 'Reset your password' button which will bring you to a web browser window to reset your password.

Remember: Your password should

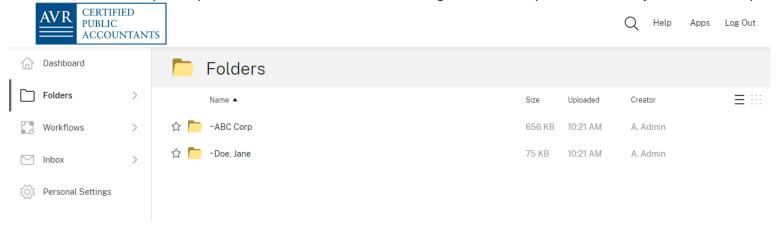
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Once you've created the password of your choice, click on 'Reset Password' button and it will take you back to the login screen. Enter your username (your email address) and the password you just created, and sign in.



From here, it will take you to your home screen. It's look something like this with your files. This is just a visual sample.



From here, you can upload tax documents to us as well as download your tax returns. Keep in mind that once your portal is setup and correctly linked to your user profile, your 2020 tax return (or your first tax return you had us prepare – whichever one is relevant) through the current tax return filed will be here waiting for you.

Files pertaining to business entities will be in the business folder. In this example, *ABC Corp.* Personal tax files will be in your personal file folder. In this example, *Doe, Jane*.

And of course, if you need help, we're just a phone call or email message away. Feel free to call Sally or Jill at 401-942-6900 or via email, admin@ariccicpa.com.

CLIENT PORTAL AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE CAREFULLY BEFORE AGREEING TO THIS.

Acceptance of Terms of Use

Anthony V. Ricci, CPA, Inc. (AVR) client portal is offered to you conditioned upon your acceptance of the terms, conditions, and notices contained herein. By using the portal, you agree to these terms and conditions.

Description of Service

The client portal provides authorized clients with access to information displayed on the portal for inquiries and deliveries of documents and communications related to the performance of AVR professional services for their account only. The information, documents, and communications on the portal are provided as a convenient resource to clients and may be used for informational purposes only. The information contained on this site should NOT be used as a substitute for consultation with professional accounting, tax, legal, or other competent advisors.

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User Password and Security

Using the portal and its related services requires the use of a password and a user name. The confidentiality of your password and account is your responsibility. Any activities that occur under your account are your responsibility. You agree to notify us immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or any other breach of security. It is prohibited to use another account without the express permission of that account holder. AVR will use its best efforts to secure the portal against unauthorized access. However, you acknowledge and understand that a fail safe security system does not exist.

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Confidentiality, Information Protection, and Protection of Data

Notwithstanding any existing legal or contractual obligations regarding confidentiality between you and AVR, you undertake to treat all knowledge relating to business secrets, which come into your possession, as confidential. You shall assure that any protected data, which comes into your possession through the use of the portal, is not transmitted to any unauthorized person. You shall notify AVR of any documents or communications that require password protection if all individuals with access to your portal should not have access to such information. In partial consideration of the opportunity to access the resources of the portal concerning your account, you agree to maintain the strict confidentiality of access of the portal and its data to you and your authorized employees and to indemnify and hold harmless AVR and its officers, shareholders, and employees and their heirs, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, actions, demands, losses, damages, judgments, costs, and expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and liabilities of every kind that may arise from your or your employees' use of the portal or because of violation of these terms and conditions of use. You shall notify AVR of any users whose access should be eliminated and at such time you shall change the password.

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Acceptance

By using the portal you hereby acknowledge that you have read the Terms and Conditions portion of this document and that you agree to these terms and conditions.