



2024 HR Virginia Conference

Going for Gold: Excelling in the New I-9 & E-Verify Landscape

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Awards You Don't Want to Win

Significant Penalties



Civil Fines

- I-9 Paperwork Violations:
 - \$272 \$2,701 per I-9
- Knowingly hiring, recruiting, referring, or retaining an unauthorized alien (per unauthorized alien):
 - 1st Offense: \$676 \$5,404
 - o 2nd Offense: \$5,404 \$13,508
 - ∘ 3rd Offense: \$8,106 \$27,018



Debarment from government contracts



Court order requiring the payment of back pay to the individual discriminated against



Court order requiring the employer to hire the individual discriminated against



Criminal penalties for engaging in a pattern or practice of hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee unauthorized noncitizens

Why is Compliance Important?

- ICE has asked Congress for more investigators
- ICE audits are expected to rise 300% increase between 2017-2018
- ICE has indicated that generally 76% of I-9s audited have a fineable error
- One expert estimates that an average recommended fine of \$2,000 per substantive error on I-9
- Same expert estimates that based on current audit trends, companies have a 95% chance of being audited within the next decade

Examples of Fines

2017: Asplundh Tree Experts \$90 million (\$80 million criminal forfeiture; \$15 million civil fines)

2023: Mr. Glass Doors Group \$120,000

2023: GM \$365,000

2023: Minnesota-based staffing company \$355,000 (\$255k in civil fines; \$100k in back pay fund)

- Fines reduced from OCAHO in 2022:
 - \$2.5 million -> \$1.5 million
 - \$431,609 -> \$344,000
 - \$286,356 -> \$183,000



Securing the Podium:

The I-9's Role in Champion Compliance

IRCA now mandates that
employers complete the
Form I-9 for new
employees hired on or after
November 7, 1986 to verify
the identity and
employment eligibility of
new employees



As a result of IRCA, at the most basic level, federal law now prohibits and forbids:

- An employer knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien;
- This includes both actual and constructive knowledge
- An employer continuing to employ a person if the employer becomes aware that the individual is or has become unauthorized; and
- An employer hiring any individual without complying with the employment verification process.

Who Must be Verified?

- All new hires, including remote, temporary, and part-time employees
- Must also be completed for any employees who are working in the U.S., even if they are on the payroll of a foreign affiliate

Companies are not required to complete the I-9 for:

- Independent Contractors;
- Employees hired before November 7, 1986; and/or
- Employees working outside of the U.S.

How? Who?

The I-9 must be completed in person

- Section 1 must be completed by the employee
- Section 2 must be completed by an employer's authorized representative
 - In most cases, this will be a manager, HR professional, etc.
 - It could also be another employee who otherwise has nothing to do with HR or the I-9 process
 - It could be a third-party (non-employee) designated by the company
 - NOTE: At least one state, California, has a law restricting who can be designated as a third-party



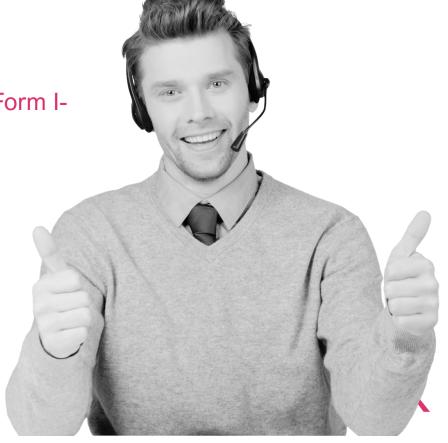
The Authorized Representative

You may delegate the authority to complete the Form I-9 to a responsible agent, however, you will retain liability for any errors!



Gold Medal Tip

Promptly review I-9s completed by authorized representatives who have not had I-9 training and/or who are outside your organization!



Which Version of the Form I-9 Should be Used?

Employers must use the 08/01/23 edition

If you ever need to use a paper copy of the I-9, go to:

uscis.gov/i-9

Completing the Form I-9

Section 1:

Completed by the Employee on or before first date of employment

Supplement A, Preparer and/or Translator Certification for Section 1:

Completed by individuals who assist employees in completing/translating Section 1

Section 2:

Completed by the Employer <u>within three business days of the date of hire</u> (USCIS has clarified that this means if the employee starts Monday, you must complete by Thursday) or if the employee will work for three or fewer days <u>on or before the first date of employment</u>

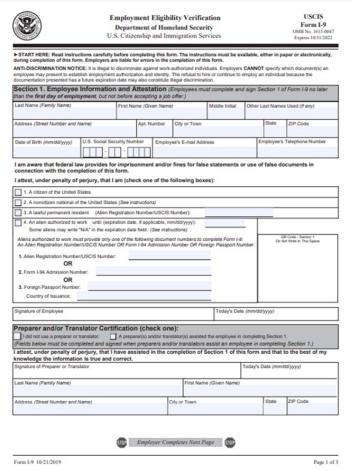
Acceptable Documents for Verification

Supplement B, Reverification and Rehires:

Completed by the Employer when reverification of eligibility is required



Section 1





Section 1: What's Changed?

- Small, but effective changes
- Same information is required
 - Name
 - DOB
 - Address
 - SSN
 - Email
 - Phone
 - Citizenship Status
 - Signature
 - Date
- Streamlined Section 1
- Removed Preparer and/or Translator section and added that as an addendum

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Common Errors in Section 1

- Not completed by the employee on or before the first day of hire
- Names Reversed
- Incomplete Address
- · Date of Birth in the Current Date field
- · Box not checked indicating immigration status
- Appropriate immigration information not provided based on the box checked
- Unsigned or missing dates



GOLD MEDAL TIP

The employee must complete, date, and sign Section 1, BUT the employer is still held liable for any errors – the employer should promptly review Section 1 as completed by the employee and compare the information in the supporting documentation

Supplement A,

Preparer and/or **Translator** Certification for Section 1



Supplement A, Preparer and/or Translator Certification for Section 1

Form I-9

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services OMB No. 1615-0047 Expires 07/31/2026

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Section 2: What's Changed?

- Streamlined layout
- Made Employer's Certification more understandable and clearer
- Alternative Procedure

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Common Errors in Section 2

- Not completed by the Employer within three business days of the date of hire
- Employer does not view actual documents
- Employee not present when Employer verifies documents
- · Date of hire not completed
- Overdocumentation
- · Column B and C documents are reversed
- · Document numbers or expiration date missing
- Employer information incomplete
- · Employer fails to sign and date section
- The person who signs Section 2 needs to be the same person who viewed the actual documents presented



GOLD MEDAL TIF

Complete Section 2 as early as possible. It provides the employee with more time to provide the appropriate documents.

Remote Completion

 In March 2020, DHS implemented a "temporary" policy allowing for the remote completion of I-9s

 This was limited to employees working exclusively in a remote setting due to COVID-19 precautions

 Employers enjoyed this and DHS recognized the permanent need for a remote process

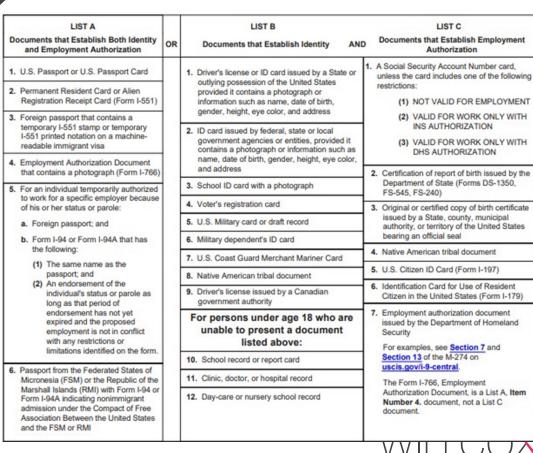
• In August 2023, DHS rolled out the new remote completion option

 E-Verify Participation: Employers wanting to use the new process must participate in E-Verify

- Remote Examination Procedure:
 - Conduct a live video interaction for verifying documentation genuineness and relation to the employee
 - Retain clear, legible copies of all examined documents
 - Examine the front and back of documents presented
 - Check the designated box in Section 2 indicating use of the "alternative procedure"



Acceptable Documents





Acceptable Receipts

LIST A Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization	OR	LIST B Documents that Establish Identity AND	LIST C Documents that Establish Employment Authorization				
		Acceptable Receipts					
May be presented in lieu of a document listed above for a temporary period. For receipt validity dates, see the M-274.							
Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List A document.	OR	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List B document.	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List C document.				
 Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual. 							
Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee.							



Supplement B

Reverification and Rehire (formerly Section 3)



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Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Last Name (Family Name) from Section 1.	First Name (Given Name) from Section 1.	Middle initial (if any) from Section 1.
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	New Name (if applicable)				
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Supplement B

Reverification and Rehire (formerly Section 3)

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continued employment authorization. Enter the document information in the spaces below.	
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Supplement B

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May be presented in lieu of a document listed above for a temporary period. For receipt validity dates, see the M-274.							
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 Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual. 							
Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee.							



When Should Supplement B be Used?

- Should be used (1) when rehiring an employee within one year from the date of termination or within three years of the original date of hire, or (2) when re-verifying expiring employment authorization documents
- Not required to complete Supplement B in the event your employee's name or gender identity changes

What Needs to be Re-Verified?

- Only required to re-verify work eligibility List A or List C documents
- Never required to re-verify identity (List B) documents!
- Do NOT reverify:
 - U.S. Passports or Passport Cards
 - Permanent Resident Cards (Green Cards)
 - List B Documents
- Permanent Resident Exceptions
 - ONLY reverify a Permanent Resident if the employee presents a Form I-94 with a temporary I-551 stamp or a foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp (a machine readable immigrant visa (MRIV))
- Reverify when employment authorization document (List A or List C) has an expiration date



Common Errors in Supplement B

- Overdocumentation
- Reverification not timely
- · Incorrect document presented
- New expiration date missing or incomplete
- Employer fails to date and sign



GOLD MEDAL TIF

Not all receipt notices entitle an individual with an expired EAD an automatic extension of work authorization. You need to review the latest list of EAD categories that qualify for an automatic extension when completing Section 3.

Retention of Forms

- Must have a form for each active employee (hired on or after November 7, 1986)
- Keep separate from personnel and employee immigration files
- Track expiration dates of employment documents



GOLD MEDAL TIP

Purge forms as soon as eligible!

And...E-Verify

Overview of E-Verify

What is E-Verify?

- A web-based system that allows enrolled employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States
- Based on a partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration
- Allows employers to verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees and/or existing employees assigned to work on a qualifying federal contract (one that includes an E-Verify FAR clause)
- Not mandated federally...yet...except for some federal contracts
- Some states mandate employers to utilize E-Verify
- When an employer signs up to utilize E-Verify they sign an MOU with DHS regarding the responsibilities of utilizing E-Verify



Employer Responsibilities

The Employer agrees:

- To provide the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer Representatives to be contacted about E-Verify;
- That any Employer
 Representative will complete
 the E-Verify Tutorial before the
 individual creates E-Verify
 cases

The Employer also agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures with two exceptions:

- If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo.
- If an employee presents a Green Card, EAD card, U.S. Passport, or Passport Card, then the employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9.
 - NOTE: The employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest.



Revolutionizing Compliance:

E-Verify NextGen

- Pilot program Spring 2024!
- Scheduled for 2024, E-Verify NextGen aims to fundamentally transform the employment eligibility verification process.
- Allegedly, E-Verify NextGen will streamline the Form I-9 and employment eligibility verification process into one "seamless" experience
- For the first time, the Form I-9 process will be integrated directly with E-Verify, streamlining the verification system
- The new process empowers new hires to input their information directly, moving the initial verification steps away from HR to the individual
- Transition, Not Replacement: For the foreseeable future, it is expected that employers will be able to choose between the traditional E-Verify process and the NextGen system



Innovations of E-Verify NextGen

- Self-Service Verification: New hires will use their myEverify accounts to enter biographic, citizenship, and document information, enhancing security and accuracy
- Remote Document Examination: Employers will be able to remotely verify documents after the system confirms identity and employment eligibility
- Error Reduction: Shifting data entry to employees may reduce the potential for errors and E-Verify mismatches.

- This approach aims to speed up case resolutions and provide a more private and secure process by minimizing employer involvement in mismatch resolution
- Will allow employees to carry their verification status between jobs
- E-Verify NextGen represents a significant evolution in the employment verification landscape, designed to make compliance more straightforward and secure for employers and employees



Q&A

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