

# The Future of I-9 Compliance





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#### The New Form I-9

Must use as of 11/01/2023



#### **Employment Eligibility Verification**

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

USCIS Form I-9 OMB No.1615-0047 Expires 07/31/2026

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#### **Section 1: Employee**

- Required fields: Full Legal Name, Other Last Names Used, Address, Date of Birth, Citizenship or Immigration Status.
- Optional: SSN, E-mail address and telephone number.
- Alien Authorized to work until...
- A Number or USCIS Number (e.g. Asylees, Refugees).
- Form I-94 Number (e.g. H-1B or L-1 workers).
- <u>Foreign Passport Number</u> and Country of Issuance (e.g. Micronesia, Marshall Islands).
- "N/A" or "Unknown" must be entered in blank, required fields, or if a telephone/email contact is not available.



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#### **Section 2: Employer**

- Employer or Authorized Representative completes Section 2 with Employee present, no later than end of third business day from employment start date.
- Examine and review the documents that satisfy List A OR List B and C.
- DO NOT ask for specific document(s).
   This is solely the Employee's choice.
- Must see original, unexpired documents
   (physically touch the documents and be in presence of employee) Exceptions under Alternative Procedure referred below.
- Enter date on "First day of Employment" section
- Signed under penalty of perjury that signor examined documents.

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#### **Acceptable Documents**

- Must review the <u>original documents</u> presented
- Determine if they are
  - » "valid"
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  - "relate" to the person presenting them

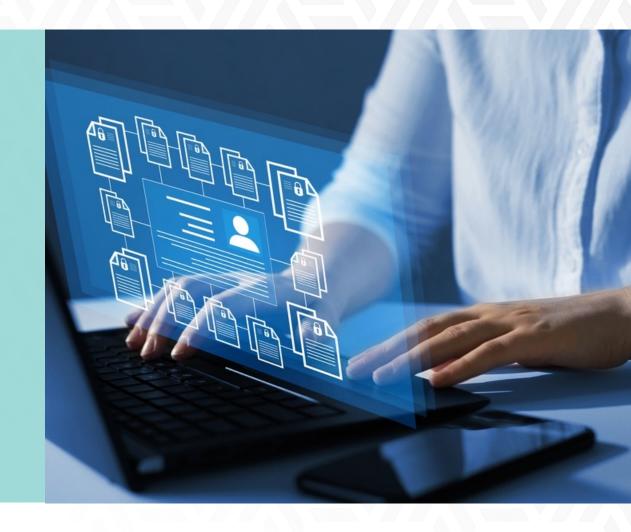


#### Form I-9: Original Document Review

- Generally, in-person I-9 document review is again mandatory: COVID flexibilities have ended, as of July 31, 2023.
- "Authorized Representative" for document review: Employers hiring remote employees with no nearby physical office or employees must secure an "Authorized Representative" to conduct in-person review in the employer's stead.
- The Authorized Representative process can be questionable: The likelihood of substantive, uncorrectable error occurring due to lack of experience or expertise. Employers are fully liable for errors. To mitigate, employers can choose to remotely oversee the Authorized Representative, using tools like Zoom or Facetime.
- Potentially better approach: The new "Alternative Procedure" for electronic document review, for employers who are enrolled in E-Verify.

## New I-9 Alternative Procedures

Implemented as of 08/01/2023



#### Electronic Document Review is Again an Option

- <u>New Form I-9</u>: Published and available August 1, 2023, and includes data fields which allow for <u>electronic review</u> of documents, in a manner similar to the prior COVID flexibilities, but on a broader and permanent basis.
- <u>"Alternative Procedure"</u>: This optional "process allows a qualifying employer to properly comply with the new I-9 rules, provided they take the following actions:
  - » Within three (3) days of an employee's first date of employment, examine <u>copies</u> of the identification and work authorization documents to ensure that these appear to be reasonably genuine.
  - » Conduct a "live video interaction" (i.e. an MS Teams or Zoom call) with the employee. The employee must first transmit copies of their documents to the employer, and also have the originals with them to show, during the video call.
  - » Indicate on the new version of Form I-9, by completing a corresponding data field, that the alternative procedure was used to examine documents in completing Section 2 of the Form.

## **Electronic Document Review (Cont.)**

- Retain a clear and legible copy of the documentation, for the usual I-9 retention period as otherwise required by existing law.
- Be ready to present copies of documents in the event of an audit by ICE, or another government agency.
- E-Verify enrollment is a prerequisite, for an employer to use the Alternative Procedure: Employers will only qualify to use the above, Alternative Procedure, if they are enrolled in the government's E-Verify program. Moreover, the alternative procedure cannot be used unless an employer also actually creates a case in E-Verify, during the associated I-9 process.

## **General I-9 Requirements Summary**

- Section 2 Document Inspection
- Physical Review
  - » In-person by onsite employee or Authorized Representative
  - » Authorized Representative
    - Can be any person including Notary
      - California exception: Immigration Consultant
    - Have HR manage the Authorized Representative
      - Video conference call like Alternative Procedure
- Alternative Procedure Virtual Verification via Video Conference

Section 1: New hire must complete on or before first day of employment.

**Section 2**: Employer or Authorized Representative must complete <u>within three business days</u> of Employee's first day of employment.

Note: Employment lasts less than 3 days?
Complete on first day.

Calendar work authorization expiration dates (Does NOT include List B documents, green card, or U.S. passport).

#### **Alternative Procedure**

#### Requirements

- Must be enrolled in E-Verify and in good standing
- If offered to one, then must be offered to all employees at that company site
- May offer only to offsite employees
- Must attach copies front and back

#### **Process**

- Send Employee I-9 to complete before video conference
- Employee scans to Employer the document(s) chosen to verify
- Employee completes Section 1 and sends I-9 back to Employer
- Employer schedules video conference but no later than 3 business days after start date
- Employer reviews original documents by video and compares to scanned copies
- Employer completes Section 2, marks alternative procedure box and attaches scanned copies
- Employer safely stores completed I-9

E-Verify NextGen / E-Verify+

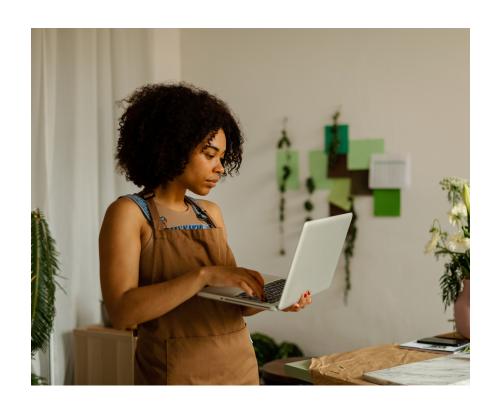


#### **Combining I-9 & E-Verify**

- Will integrate the Form I-9 process with E-Verify
- New hires will take on a more active role by electronically entering their biographic information, citizenship or immigration status, and identity documents directly into the E-Verify system via their secure myE-Verify accounts
- Intended to enhance efficiency and reduce the occurrence of data entry errors often associated with manual input
- Trial being incrementally released as of May 29, 2024 and will continue through the year



## **Employee-led Resolution and Portability of Verification Status**



- Employees will gain the ability to independently manage their verification status, reducing the reliance on employers in case of discrepancies
- Will enable employees to carry their verification status seamlessly between employers

## E-Verify+ and the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act

- E-Verify+ may have some impact on the TLEA
- Given the changes in the verification system, the documentation and procedural requirements of the TLEA may need to be modified
- As it is expected to eventually replace the current I-9 and E-Verify processes altogether, E-Verify+ will likely make the TLEA moot



## **QUESTIONS?**

#### **THANK YOU!**



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