

The Form I-9 has been a hallmark of employee onboarding since the eighties. [Updated earlier this year](#), the mandatory form is used to confirm an employee's eligibility to work in the U.S. If you've ever started a new job and were asked to bring documents to confirm your identity, like a passport or social security card, you've filled out an I-9.

The form is divided into three sections, each with a distinct purpose, signer, and deadline.

Section 1 - Employee Information and Attestation

(Signed by employee, due on first day)

The first page of the form is completed by the employee on his or her first day at work. Individuals will be asked to disclose personal information including their legal name, home address, date of birth, social security number, and telephone number. They'll be asked to specify their citizenship or immigration status, and if applicable, alien registration number.

Employment Eligibility Verification
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-9
OMB No. 1615-0047
Expires 10/31/2012

START HERE. Read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available, either in paper or electronically, during completion of this form. Employers are liable for errors in the completion of this form.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE: It is illegal to discriminate against work-authorized individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) an employee may present to establish employment authorization and identity. The refusal to hire or continue to employ an individual because the documentation presented has a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

Section 1. Employee Information and Attestation (Employees must complete and sign Section 1 of Form I-9 no later than the first day of employment, but not before accepting a job offer.)

Last Name (Family Name) _____ First Name (Given Name) _____ Middle Initial _____ Other Last Names Used (if any) _____

Address (Street Number and Name) _____ Apt. Number _____ City or Town _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ U.S. Social Security Number _____ Employee's E-mail Address _____ Employee's Telephone Number _____

I am aware that federal law provides for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements or use of false documents in connection with the completion of this form.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one of the following boxes):

☐ 1. A citizen of the United States

☐ 2. A noncitizen national of the United States (See instructions)

☐ 3. A lawful permanent resident (Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number) _____

☐ 4. An alien authorized to work _____ until (expiration date, if applicable, mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Some aliens may write "N/A" in the expiration date field. (See instructions)

Aliens authorized to work must provide only one of the following document numbers to complete Form I-9: An Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number OR Form I-94 Admission Number OR Foreign Passport Number.

1. Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number: _____

OR

2. Form I-94 Admission Number: _____

OR

3. Foreign Passport Number: _____

Country of Issuance: _____

Signature of Employee _____ Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Preparer and/or Translator Certification (check one):

☐ I did not use a preparer or translator. ☐ A preparer(s) and/or translator(s) assisted the employee in completing Section 1. (Fields below must be completed and signed when preparers and/or translators assist an employee in completing Section 1.)

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of Section 1 of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

Signature of Preparer or Translator _____ Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Last Name (Family Name) _____ First Name (Given Name) _____

Address (Street Number and Name) _____ City or Town _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

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Section 2 - Employer Review and Verification

(Signed by employer, due by third day)

Employers must complete section 2 within three business days of the employee's start date. This part of the Form I-9 tasks HR with recording and examining a new hire's corroborating documents.

Permissible documents include a U.S. or foreign passport, driver's license, [Form I-94](#), social security card, and a wide variety of others. If the individual is a minor, they can even use their school report card. The thing to note is that only the right combination of documents will satisfy the form's requirements. For example, a U.S. passport can be used alone, but if employees provide their driver's license, they'll need to provide a supporting document, like their social security card or birth certificate. An outline of these requirements can be found on page four of the I-9, or on [the USCIS website](#).

Under anti-discrimination laws, it's important to note that employers *cannot* specify which documents an employee provides, so long as they meet the form's requirements. All documents must be unexpired and physically in your hands. No scans or photocopies allowed! If you're onboarding a new hire that's working in another office, keep in mind that you can ask an onsite employee to cover for you—or even use a third party, like a notary.

Section 3 - Reverification and Rehire

(Signed by employer, only if the employee's authorization expires)

If the employee's proof of work authorization or immigration status is due to expire, employers must revisit his or her Form I-9 and complete section 3. This part of the form is used for entering new document numbers (if applicable) and their updated expiration dates.

As in Section 2, you'll need to physically handle the documents to confirm their authenticity.

While not mandatory, the USCIS recommends completing Section 3 when an employee legally changes his or her name or is rehired within three years of the employee's original start date.



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Address (Street Number and Name)		Apt. Number	City or Town		State	ZIP Code
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	U.S. Social Security Number [][][] - [][] - [][][][]		Employee's E-mail Address		Employee's Telephone Number	

I am aware that federal law provides for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements or use of false documents in connection with the completion of this form.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one of the following boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. A citizen of the United States	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. A noncitizen national of the United States <i>(See instructions)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. A lawful permanent resident (Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. An alien authorized to work until (expiration date, if applicable, mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Some aliens may write "N/A" in the expiration date field. <i>(See instructions)</i>	
<p><i>Aliens authorized to work must provide only one of the following document numbers to complete Form I-9: An Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number OR Form I-94 Admission Number OR Foreign Passport Number.</i></p> <p>1. Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number: _____ OR 2. Form I-94 Admission Number: _____ OR 3. Foreign Passport Number: _____ Country of Issuance: _____</p>	<p>QR Code - Section 1 Do Not Write In This Space</p>

Signature of Employee	Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Section 2. Employer or Authorized Representative Review and Verification

(Employers or their authorized representative must complete and sign Section 2 within 3 business days of the employee's first day of employment. You must physically examine one document from List A OR a combination of one document from List B and one document from List C as listed on the "Lists of Acceptable Documents.")

Employee Info from Section 1	Last Name (Family Name)	First Name (Given Name)	M.I.	Citizenship/Immigration Status
List A Identity and Employment Authorization	OR	List B Identity	AND	List C Employment Authorization
Document Title		Document Title		Document Title
Issuing Authority		Issuing Authority		Issuing Authority
Document Number		Document Number		Document Number
Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)		Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)		Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)
Document Title		<div>Additional Information</div> <div>QR Code - Sections 2 & 3 Do Not Write In This Space</div>		
Issuing Authority				
Document Number				
Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)				
Document Title				
Issuing Authority				
Document Number				
Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)				
Document Title				
Issuing Authority				
Document Number				
Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)				

Certification: I attest, under penalty of perjury, that (1) I have examined the document(s) presented by the above-named employee, (2) the above-listed document(s) appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, and (3) to the best of my knowledge the employee is authorized to work in the United States.

The employee's first day of employment (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ (See instructions for exemptions)

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		Title of Employer or Authorized Representative	
Last Name of Employer or Authorized Representative		First Name of Employer or Authorized Representative		Employer's Business or Organization Name	
Employer's Business or Organization Address (Street Number and Name)			City or Town		State ZIP Code

Section 3. Reverification and Rehires (To be completed and signed by employer or authorized representative.)

A. New Name (if applicable)			B. Date of Rehire (if applicable)	
Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name)	Middle Initial	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

C. If the employee's previous grant of employment authorization has expired, provide the information for the document or receipt that establishes continuing employment authorization in the space provided below.

Document Title	Document Number	Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)
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I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is authorized to work in the United States, and if the employee presented document(s), the document(s) I have examined appear to be genuine and to relate to the individual.

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative	Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Employer or Authorized Representative
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LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

All documents must be UNEXPIRED

Employees may present one selection from List A
or a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C.

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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card 2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551) 3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa 4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766) 5. For a nonimmigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer because of his or her status: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Foreign passport; and b. Form I-94 or Form I-94A that has the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The same name as the passport; and (2) An endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status as long as that period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form. 6. Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 2. ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 3. School ID card with a photograph 4. Voter's registration card 5. U.S. Military card or draft record 6. Military dependent's ID card 7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card 8. Native American tribal document 9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above: 10. School record or report card 11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record 12. Day-care or nursery school record 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Social Security Account Number card, unless the card includes one of the following restrictions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT (2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION (3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION 2. Certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Forms DS-1350, FS-545, FS-240) 3. Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal 4. Native American tribal document 5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197) 6. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179) 7. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security

Examples of many of these documents appear in the Handbook for Employers (M-274).

Refer to the instructions for more information about acceptable receipts.