

#### New Form I-9 & Update on Government Enforcement of Employment Eligibility Verification Requirements

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President Trump and his advisors have continuously emphasized the following as core principles of the Trump immigration plan:

- A nation without borders is not a nation referring to building a wall across the southern border
- Any nation without laws is not a nation referring to increasing enforcement of existing laws to address the undocumented immigrant population and to restrict the flow of new immigrants

#### New Administration Cont.



 A nation that does not serve its own citizens is not a nation – referring to a policy of putting U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents first in line for job opportunities and to restrict competition by foreign workers in the U.S. job market

#### I-9 Presentation Overview



- New Administration
- Overview of Form I-9
- Common I-9 mistakes
- What is E-Verify?
- Discrimination & penalties

- ICE audits
- How to conduct internal audit
- How to correct
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- I-9 "Best Practices"



- President Trump's view is that immigration suppresses U.S. wage rates; the Trump Administration can influence prevailing wage requirements for future immigration filings
- President's view is U.S. business needs to hire and train U.S. workers and rely less on foreign workers
- President will seek changes to NAFTA to attempt to finance the wall



- Enforcement related activities will include triple the number of ICE officers
- Impose nationwide E-Verify system on employers
- Demand removal of all "criminal aliens" and new priorities for removal of foreign nationals who may pose a security risk, whether or not a criminal record exists



- Detention, in contrast to use of a "catch and release practice" of foreign nationals, immigration law violations shall be equal to a serious criminal history involving violence or drugs
- Defunding sanctuary cities, cutting off federal grants to any city which refuses to cooperate with federal lawenforcement on immigration policies and procedures
- Enhance penalties for overstaying a visa, including criminal penalties for visa overstays



#### Specific policy proposals for long-term reform:

- Increase prevailing wage for H-1Bs
- Requirement to hire American workers first too many visas, like the H-1B, have no such requirement
- Petitions for workers should be mailed to the unemployment office, not the USCIS
- Immigration moderation before any new green cards are issued for foreign workers abroad, there will be a pause where employers will have to hire from the domestic pool of unemployed immigrant and native workers

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#### Why Care About I-9s?



Employers who violate the I-9 rules are subject to:

- Fines
- Criminal penalties
- Debarment from government contracts
- Back pay
- Order to fire affected individuals

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#### I-9 Compliance



- ALL employees hired after November 6, 1986, are required to have an Employment Eligibility Verification Form (Form I-9) on file with the employer
- Includes U.S. citizens!

#### Section One



## Employee must fill out Section One after job accepted, but before first day of employment

- Name (maiden name)
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Check status in United States
  - Work authorization must include expiration date
- Signature and date (required even if prepared by translator)
- Preparer or translator certification

#### Section One Cont.



#### **Optional Information**

- Social Security Number (really?)
- E-mail address
- Telephone number



- Employer must complete the form within 3 business days of the date employment begins
- Employer must review the <u>original</u> documents and complete Section Two
  - Document title
  - Issuing authority
  - Document number
  - Expiration date (if any)
  - Date employment begins (often missed)



- Employees must provide documents within 3 business days of the date employment begins
- If not in possession of documents, must provide a Receipt Notice or I-94 Card within 3 business days and the actual documents within 90 days
- Employees are not required to show a Social Security card for I-9 purposes unless the employer participates in E-Verify



- Examine one document from List A <u>or</u> one document from List B <u>and</u> one from List C
- Employer <u>cannot</u> specify which documents they will accept from an employee



## Section Two: What Are You Certifying?



- On its face, the document <u>reasonably</u> appears:
  - 1) To be genuine
  - 2) To relate to the employee

The employee's first day of employment (mm/dd/vyvy):

- You are <u>not</u> attesting to the person's status
  - 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.

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Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative Today's Da		te(mm/dd/yyyy)	Title of Employer or Authorized Representative				
Last Name of Employer or Authorized Representative	First Name of	f Employer or A	Authorized Represent	ative	Employer's	Business	or Organization Name
Employer's Business or Organization Address (Stre	eet Number and Name)		City or Town			State	ZIP Code

## Section Three: Updating And Reverification



#### THIS IS CRITICAL!

- Employee name changes
- Employee leaves and is rehired

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		s expired, provide	the information	for the doc	ument or receipt that establishes
Document Title		Document Number			Expiration Date (if any) (mm/dd/yyy)
I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the both the employee presented document(s), the document (s), the document (s) is the document (s).					

#### Current Form I-9



- In November 2016, the USCIS released a new version of the Form I-9.
- As of January 22, 2017, employers must use the new Form I-9.
- No Substantial changes to employer obligations on new form

#### Changes to Form I-9



- Electronic "Smart" features prevent completion of the form if mandatory fields are left blank. The form highlights the missing information and it cannot be saved until all required fields are completed.
- Most fields in the form have an associated "?" icon, which provides a summary of instructions for completing that field.

#### Changes to Form I-9 Cont.



#### Section 1

- The "Other Names Used" field has been changed to "Other Last Names Used."
- Preparers and translators must certify their assistance and there is a supplement page that allows for multiple assistants or preparers.

#### Section 2

- Employer must list the employee's citizenship or immigration status.
- A dedicated box has been added for additional information, explanatory notes, and updates, rather than writing them in the margins.



## New Form I-9 Features

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https://www.uscis.gov/i-9



# Most Common I-9 Mistakes Seen on Current Form I-9



#### Missing certification date

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	/e	Today's Da	te(mm/dd/yyyy)	Title o	of Employer or Authorized Representative			
Last Name of Employer or Authorized Representative	First Name of	Employer or	Authorized Represent	ative	Employer's	Business	or Organization Name	
ployer's Business or Organization Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town		State	ZIP Code			



#### Missing employee name

Section 2. Employer or (Employers or their authorized rep. must physically examine one docu of Acceptable Documents.")	resentative mus	t complete and sign Sectio	n 2 within 3 business day	s of the e		
Employee Info from Section 1	Last Name (F	amily Name)	First Name (Given Nam	ne)	M.I.	Citizenship/Immigration Status
List A Identity and Employment Aut		R List Iden		ND		List C Employment Authorization
Document Title		Document Title		Docum	ent Titl	le
Issuing Authority  Document Number  Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy)  Issuing Authority  Document Number  Expiration Date (if any)		Issuing Auti			rity	
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		Expiration Date (if any)(i	mm/dd/yyyy)	Expirat	Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy)	

#### Section One



#### Forgetting to check the appropriate box

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.
Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number:  OR
2. Form I-94 Admission Number: OR
3. Foreign Passport Number:
Country of Issuance:



## E-Verify

#### What is E-Verify?



- E-Verify is an Internet-based system that compares information from an employee's Form I-9, to data from U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration records to confirm employment eligibility
- Allows employers to confirm an employee's U.S. employment eligibility in as little as 3 to 5 seconds

#### E-Verify



#### E–Verify is not:

- A system that provides immigration status
- Used for prescreening
- A safe harbor from worksite enforcement

#### E-Verify



- Employer enrollment in E-Verify is voluntary, except when it is mandatory ...
  - Federal contractors and subcontractors
  - State law requiring enrollment in E-Verify
    - ID, UT, AZ, CO, NE, OK, IN, MN, MO, LS, MS, FL, AL, TN, GA, VA, NC, SC, and PA.



## Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act



- Efforts to protect the interior include bill to make E-Verify mandatory for all employers
- January 20, 2017 Sen. Chuck Grassley
- Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act

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## Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act



The Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act does the following:

- Permanently reauthorizes the E-Verify program that was created in 1996
- Mandatory for all employers within one year of date of enactment
  - Directs "critical employers" to use the system within 30 days of designation
- Increases penalties for employers who illegally hire undocumented workers

## Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act



- Reduces the liability for wrongful termination of an individual
- Allows E-Verify use before a person is hired
- Requires employers to check the status of all current employees within 3 years
- Requires employers to terminate the employment of those found unauthorized to work due to a check through E-Verify



## Discrimination and Penalties

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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Anti-discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) prohibit 4 types of unlawful conduct:

- 1. Citizenship or immigration status discrimination;
- 2. National origin discrimination;
- 3. Unfair documentary practices during Form I-9 process (document abuse); and
- 4. Retaliation

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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- The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices, part of the Department of Justice, enforces the antidiscrimination provision of the INA
- The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity
   Commission (EEOC) enforces Title VII of the Civil
   Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII) and other federal laws
   that prohibit employment discrimination based on
   race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age,
   disability and genetic information

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 Title VII covers both intentional and unintentional acts of discrimination

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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- Unfair immigration-related employment practices may lead to one or more corrective steps, including:
- Hiring or reinstating, with or without back pay, individuals directly injured by the discrimination
- Posting notices about employee rights and employer obligations

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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- Educating all personnel involved in hiring about employer sanctions and antidiscrimination laws
- The court may award attorneys' fees to prevailing parties

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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- "Document abuse" can be broadly categorized into four types of conduct:
- Improperly requesting that employees produce more documents than are required by Form I-9
- Improperly requesting that employees present a particular document, such as a "green card"
- Improperly rejecting documents that appear to be genuine and to related to the employee; and
- Improperly treating groups of applicants differently when completing Form I-9

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#### Penalties For Prohibited

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 Document abuse is also a violation of the anti-discrimination provision of the INA and may lead to a civil money penalty of not less than \$110 and not more than \$1,100 for each individual discriminated against



# DHS/ICE Audits

#### DHS / ICE Audits



- In the administrative setting, the playing rules tend to favor the government
- Investigating ICE agents issue their own subpoenas for employers' records
- Administrative judges determine the facts and the defendant's liability
- Juries are not an option

#### DHS / ICE Audits



- I-9 Audit Discover improper documentation or maintenance
- Audits can lead to further investigation and significant fines and penalties
- Going after corporate officers, human resource representatives, supervisors, and contractors

### Common Notices



ICE will notify the employer, in writing, of the intent to audit the I-9s. The following are the most common notices:

- Notice of Inspection
- Notice of Suspect Documents
- Notice of Discrepancies
- Notice of Technical or Procedural Failures
- Warning Notice
- Notice of Intent to Fine (NIF)

### Enhanced Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



- USCIS announced in July 2016 that it was substantially increasing fines for I-9 violations
- Effective August 1, 2016
- Fines raised between 35% and 96%

# Enhanced Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



Knowingly hired, or to have knowingly recruited or referred for a fee, an unauthorized alien for employment in the United States or to have knowingly continued to employ an unauthorized alien in the United

States

First Offense		Second Offen	ise	Third or Subsequent Offense		
MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
\$539 for each unauthorized alien	\$4,313 for each unauthorized alien	\$4,313 for each unauthorized alien	\$10,781 for each unauthorized alien	\$6,469 for each unauthorized alien	\$21,563 for each unauthorized alien	

# Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



# Failing to comply with Form I-9 employment verification requirements

First Offense		Second Offe	nse	Third or Subsequent Offense		
MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
\$216 for each form	\$2,156 for each form	\$216 for each form	\$2,156 for each form	\$216 for each form	\$2,156 for each form	

#### Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



Committing or participating in document fraud for satisfying a requirement or benefit of the employment verification process or the INA

First Offense		Second Offe	ense	Third or Subsequent Offense		
MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
\$445 for each document	\$3,563 for each document	\$3,563 for each document	\$8,908 for each document	\$3,563 for each document	\$8,908 for each document	

# Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



Unlawful discrimination against an employment-authorized individual in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral for a fee

First Offens	e	Second Offe	nse	Third or Subsequent Offense		
MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
\$445 per violation	\$3,563 per violation	\$3,563 per violation	\$8,908 per violation	\$5,345 per violation	\$17,816 per violation	

#### Civil Fines And Criminal Penalties



Engaging in a pattern or practice of hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee unauthorized aliens

Criminal Violations	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense		
Engaging in a pattern or practice of hiring, recruiting or referring for a	Up to \$3,000 for each unauthorized alien				
fee unauthorized aliens	Up to 6 months in prison for the entire pattern or practice				

#### Good Faith Defense



Employers who can show that they have acted in good faith in documenting and retaining I-9s can defend against many of these penalties



### Internal Audit

### Conducting Internal Audit



- If you conduct an internal I-9 audit you will find errors
- The simple advice is: fix the mistakes when you find them
- The Complicated advice is: don't make things worse



#### What you should do:

- Be consistent. Whatever you decide, do it for everyone.
- Compare your I-9s against an employee payroll list. This is how ICE begins.
- Consider making a chart that summarizes all of the corrections and why they were made

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#### What you should not do:

- Erase, use whiteout, correction tape or black marker
- Correct things that do not need it
- Backdate corrections or otherwise make it appear as though it was correct from the beginning

# Correcting Your I-9s – Old Version



List A Identity and Employment Authorization	OR List B	AND	List C Employment Authorization
Document Title:	Document Title: Social :	Security Cara	ument Title:
Issuing Authority:	Issuing Authority:		ng Authority: State of Mich
Document Number:	Document Number: 32.5-12-6935		ument Number: - 1234 - 5678
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):	Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/)		ration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy): <b>7/13/a</b> 0 <b>a</b> 0
Document Title:		KOB 7/9/15	
Issuing Authority:		7/9/15	
Document Number:			
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):			

# Correcting Your I-9s – Old Version



Section 1. Employee than the first day of emplo				t complete	and sign Sec	ction 1 of	Form I-9 no later
Last Name (Family Name) BaH1C		me (Given Name) <b>Évi`</b> M		Middle Initial	Other Names	Used (if a	ny)
Address (Street Number and N		Apt. Number	City or Town Grand	Rapid		ate Mエ	Zip Code <b>4950 \$</b>
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) U	S. Social Security Number		S				ne Number -555 -5555
am aware that federal law connection with the compl		ment and/or fi	ines for false	statements	or use of fa	ilse docu	uments in
attest, under penalty of p	erjury, that I am (check	one of the fo	llowing):				
A citizen of the United S							
A noncitizen national of	the United States (See i	nstructions)					KOB 9/15/15
A noncitizen national of  A lawful permanent resid	dent (Alien Registration	Number/USCIS	Number):	+#0	7456	178	
An alien authorized to work	k until (expiration date, if ap	pplicable, mm/dd/	/yyyy)		. Some aliens	may write	"N/A" in this field.

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)

Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number:
 OR

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.



Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name) Middle Initial O		Other	Other Last Names Used (if any)				
Address (Street Number and Na	*		Apt. Nu	ımber	City or Town	Rapids		State	ZIP Code 49503
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)   04/20/2000	).S. Social Secu	¬´ —	ber 789	Employ	yee's E-ma⊪Add	ress			Telephone Number - 5537-5655
am aware that federal law connection with the comple	•	•	nment	and/or	fines for fals	e statements (	or use	of false do	cuments in
attest, under penalty of pe	rjury, that I ar	n (chec	k one	of the t	following box	es):			
1. A citizen of the United Sta	ites								
2. A noncitizen national of th	a United States	/See ins	tructions	n)					

QR Code - Section 1

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Section 2. Employer or (Employers or their authorized rep must physically examine one doct of Acceptable Documents.")	presentative mus	t complete and sign Section	n 2 within 3 busines	s days of the	employ	ree's first day of employment. You t from List C as listed on the "Lists	
Employee Info from Section 1	Last Name (F	amily Name)	First Name (Given	Name)	M.I.	Citizenship/Immigration Status	
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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 MES 04/80/2017 employee is authorized to work in the United States. 03/27/205 (See instructions for exemptions)

The employee's first day of employment (mm/dd/yyyy):

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date(mm/dd/yyyy) T		Title of Employer or Authorized Representative			
Last Name of Employer or Authorized Representative				Employer's	Business	or Organization Name	
Employer's Business or Organization Address (Str	eet Number and Name)	City or Town			State	ZIP Code	





- Have a written policy in place which states the company's position on immigration compliance and completion of the I-9 forms
- Do not store the I-9 forms with the employee personnel files. This could lead to the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of Labor reviewing all of your personnel files.



#### Store the I-9 forms in three separate files

- 1. One for current employees for whom reverification will never be required
- 2. One for current employees for whom reverification is required
- 3. One for terminated employees

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- Provide the I-9 instructions to the newly hired employee at the time the I-9 form is being completed.
- Develop resources and reference materials for use by the company representative who will complete and maintain the I-9 forms, including a copy of your written policy and a copy of the government's I-9 Handbook for Employers.
- Perform periodic internal audits of your I-9 forms to ensure adherence to your policy.



- Use your audits as an occasion to review and revise your written policy to address any problem areas revealed by the audit.
- Consider whether it is beneficial to use I-9 compliance software (e.g. I-9 Zoom or Tracker I-9). This may be particularly useful for employers participating in E-Verify and employers with over 100 employees.
- Do not seek advice from the Department of Homeland Security. If you have any questions, contact your immigration lawyer.







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