
WHAT'S NEW

E-Verify Users: Be Sure to Make Copies of Photo-Matching Documents Correctly

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If a new employee presents a document for their Form I-9 that triggers photo matching (</e-verify-user-manual-20-initial-verification-22-create-a-case/222-e-verify-photo-matching>) in E-Verify, employers must make a copy of that document to use when creating the E-Verify case, and must retain it with the employee's Form I-9.

If an employee presents a U.S. passport card, Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), or Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766), you must copy the front and back of these cards. If an employee presents a U.S. passport, you must copy both the front page and the back barcode page.

ICA 29 Updates for Web Service Users

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On Oct. 12, USCIS updated the E-Verify staging environment for Interface Control Agreement (ICA) 29 after we disabled it for the modernization release in April. The staging environment has been modernized with self-test to confirm functionality.

Web service customers are now able to test their code and bug fixes on their respective systems by leveraging the test document that comprises the E-Verify test scenarios.

We made these enhancements based on feedback and extensive testing from web service providers. This test environment is part of the effort to develop, test, and deploy ICA 30, which is scheduled to launch next spring.

For more details on E-Verify updates, visit the E-Verify Enhancements (</about-e-verify/e-verify-data/e-verify-enhancements>) webpage.

Reminder: Employers may not terminate employees because of a Tentative Nonconfirmation (TNC)

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You may not terminate or take any other adverse action against an employee because of the TNC until the Social Security Administration (SSA) and/or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has reviewed the case and the TNC becomes a Final Nonconfirmation.

Review the E-Verify User Manual (</e-verify-user-manual>) and Job Aid for E-Verify Users (</sites/default/files/everify/jobaids/JAEvUsersProcessTNCReferCase.pdf>) for guidance on TNCs; and visit our Common E-Verify Questions (</common-e-verify-questions>) page for Frequently Asked Questions.

New Issue of E-Verify Connection Newsletter

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The 44th edition of the E-Verify Connection newsletter (</sites/default/files/everify/newsletters/EVerifyConnection44.pdf>) is here and includes articles about our E-Verify Employer Search Tool (</about-e-verify/e-verify-data/participating-employers>), our brand new text-to-subscribe service, and info for federal contractors and subcontractors. Subscribe (<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCIS/subscriber/new>) to our newsletter and stay connected.

TPS ALERT

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On October 3, 2018, in *Ramos, et al v. Nielsen, et al.*, No. 18-cv-01554 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 3, 2018) (<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/ramos-v-nielsen-order-granting-preliminary-injunction-case-18-cv-01554-emc.pdf>), the United States District Court for the Northern District of California enjoined DHS from implementing and enforcing the decisions to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Sudan, Haiti, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, pending further resolution of the case. Additional guidance with respect to evidence regarding TPS status and employment authorization is forthcoming.

TPS for Somalia Extended for 18 Months; Employment Authorization Documents Automatically Extended Through March 16, 2019

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Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen announced that the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Somalia has been extended for 18 months, through March 17, 2020. Current beneficiaries who want to maintain their status must re-register between Aug. 27, 2018, and Oct. 26, 2018.

Given the timeframes for processing TPS re-registration applications, USCIS has automatically extended the validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) issued under the TPS designation of Somalia through March 16, 2019.

Completing Form I-9

When completing or updating Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, follow the chart (</node/3937>) to determine which documents a current TPS beneficiary of Somalia may present, as well as the new expiration date of their automatically extended EADs.