

**INSTRUCTIONS**

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

**Anti-Discrimination Notice.** It is illegal to discriminate against any individual (other than an alien not authorized to work in the U.S.) in hiring, discharging, or recruiting or referring for a fee because of that individual's national origin or citizenship status. It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers **CANNOT** specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because of a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

**Section 1 - Employee.** All employees, citizens and noncitizens, hired after November 6, 1986, must complete Section 1 of this form at the time of hire, which is the actual beginning of employment. **The employer is responsible for ensuring that Section 1 is timely and properly completed.**

**Preparer/Translator Certification.** The Preparer/Translator Certification must be completed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee. A preparer/translator may be used only when the employee is unable to complete Section 1 on his/her own. However, the employee must still sign Section 1.

**Section 2 - Employer.** For the purpose of completing this form, the term "employer" includes those recruiters and referrers for a fee who are agricultural associations, agricultural employers or farm labor contractors.

Employers must complete Section 2 by examining evidence of identity and employment eligibility within three (3) business days of the date employment begins. If employees are authorized to work, but are unable to present the required document(s) within three business days, they must present a receipt for the application of the document(s) within three business days and the actual document(s) within ninety (90) days. However, if employers hire individuals for a duration of less than three business days, Section 2 must be completed at the time employment begins. **Employers must record:** 1) document title; 2) issuing authority; 3) document number, 4) expiration date, if any; and 5) the date employment begins. Employers must sign and date the certification. Employees must present original documents. Employers may, but are not required to, photocopy the document(s) presented. These photocopies may only be used for the verification process and must be retained with the I-9. **However, employers are still responsible for completing the I-9.**

**Section 3 - Updating and Reverification.** Employers must complete Section 3 when updating and/or reverifying the I-9. Employers must reverify employment eligibility of their employees on or before the expiration date recorded in Section 1. Employers **CANNOT** specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee.

- If an employee's name has changed at the time this form is being updated/ reverified, complete Block A.
- If an employee is rehired within three (3) years of the date this form was originally completed and the employee is still eligible to be employed on the same basis as previously indicated on this form (updating), complete Block B and the signature block.

- If an employee is rehired within three (3) years of the date this form was originally completed and the employee's work authorization has expired or if a current employee's work authorization is about to expire (reverification), complete Block B and:
  - examine any document that reflects that the employee is authorized to work in the U.S. (see List A or C),
  - record the document title, document number and expiration date (if any) in Block C, and complete the signature block.

**Photocopying and Retaining Form I-9.** A blank I-9 may be reproduced, provided both sides are copied. The Instructions must be available to all employees completing this form. Employers must retain completed I-9s for three (3) years after the date of hire or one (1) year after the date employment ends, whichever is later.

**For more detailed information, you may refer to the INS Handbook for Employers, (Form M-274). You may obtain the handbook at your local INS office.**

**Privacy Act Notice.** The authority for collecting this information is the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603 (8 USC 1324a).

This information is for employers to verify the eligibility of individuals for employment to preclude the unlawful hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of aliens who are not authorized to work in the United States.

This information will be used by employers as a record of their basis for determining eligibility of an employee to work in the United States. The form will be kept by the employer and made available for inspection by officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of Labor and the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices.

Submission of the information required in this form is voluntary. However, an individual may not begin employment unless this form is completed, since employers are subject to civil or criminal penalties if they do not comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

**Reporting Burden.** We try to create forms and instructions that are accurate, can be easily understood and which impose the least possible burden on you to provide us with information. Often this is difficult because some immigration laws are very complex. Accordingly, the reporting burden for this collection of information is computed as follows: 1) learning about this form, 5 minutes; 2) completing the form, 5 minutes; and 3) assembling and filing (recordkeeping) the form, 5 minutes, for an average of 15 minutes per response. If you have comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, or suggestions for making this form simpler, you can write to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, HQPDI, 425 I Street, N.W., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. OMB No. 1115-0136.

**EMPLOYERS MUST RETAIN COMPLETED FORM I-9  
PLEASE DO NOT MAIL COMPLETED FORM I-9 TO INS**

# Employment Eligibility Verification

Please read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE:** It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because of a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

**Section 1. Employee Information and Verification.** To be completed and signed by employee at the time employment begins.

|  |       |   |                       |
|--|-------|---|-----------------------|
| Print Name: Last   | First | Middle Initial  | Maiden Name           |
| Address (Street Name and Number)   |       | Apt. #  | Date (month/day/year) |
| City   | State | Zip Code  | Social Security #     |
| <b>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.</b> |       | I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one of the following):<br><input type="checkbox"/> A citizen or national of the United States<br><input type="checkbox"/> A Lawful Permanent Resident (Alien # A _____)<br><input type="checkbox"/> An alien authorized to work until (Alien # or Admission #) _____ |                       |
| Employee's Signature   |       |   | Date (month/day/year) |

**Preparer and/or Translator Certification.** (To be completed and signed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee.) / attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

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| Preparer's/Translator's Signature                       | Print Name |
| Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code) |            |
| Date (month/day/year)                                   |            |

**Section 2. Employer Review and Verification.** To be completed and signed by employer. Examine one document from List A OR examine one document from List B and one from List C, as listed on the reverse of this form, and record the title, number and expiration date, if any, of the document(s)

| List A                                   | OR | List B         | AND | List C         |
|--|----|----------------|-----|----------------|
| Document title: _____                    | OR | _____          | AND | _____          |
| Issuing authority: _____                 |    | _____          |     | _____          |
| Document #- _____                        |    | _____          |     | _____          |
| Expiration Date (if any): ____/____/____ |    | ____/____/____ |     | ____/____/____ |
| Document #- _____                        |    |                |     |                |
| Expiration Date (if any): ____/____/____ |    |                |     |                |

**CERTIFICATION** - I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have examined the document(s) presented by the above-named employee, that the above-listed document(s) appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, that the employee began employment on (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and that to the best of my knowledge the employee is eligible to work in the United States. (State employment agencies may omit the date the employee began employment.)

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|---|------------|-----------------------|
| Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative      | Print Name | Title                 |
| Business or Organization Name                           |            | Date (month/day/year) |
| Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code) |            |                       |

**Section 3. Updating and Reverification.** To be completed and signed by employer.

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| A. New Name (if applicable)  | B. Date of rehire (month/day/year) (if applicable) |
| C. If employee's previous grant of work authorization has expired, provide the information below for the document that establishes current employment eligibility. |  |
| Document Title: _____  | Document #- _____                                  |
| Expiration Date (if any): ____/____/____   |  |

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is eligible 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.

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| Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative | Date (month/day/year) |
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**LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS**

| LIST A  |           | LIST B   |            | LIST C   |
|---|-----------|--|------------|--|
| Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Eligibility                             | <b>OR</b> | Documents that Establish Identity  | <b>AND</b> | Documents that Establish Employment Eligibility  |
| 1. U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)   |           | 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 |            | 1. U.S. social security card issued by the Social Security Administration  |
| 2. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)                                  |           | 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                |            | 2. Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State   |
| 3. Certificate of Naturalization  |           | 3. School ID card with a photograph  |            | 3. Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal |
| 4. Unexpired foreign passport, with attached indicating unexpired employment authorization    |           | 4. Voter's registration card   |            | 4. Native American tribal document   |
| 5. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph                 |           | 5. U.S. Military card or draft record  |            | 5. U.S. Citizen ID Card  |
| 6. Unexpired Temporary Resident Card  |           | 6. Military dependent's ID card  |            | 6. ID Card for use of Resident Citizen in the United States  |
| 7. Unexpired Employment Authorization Card  |           | 7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card  |            | 7. Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS   |
| 8. Unexpired Reentry Permit   |           | 8. Native American tribal document   |            |  |
| 9. Unexpired Refugee Travel Document  |           | 9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority  |            |  |
| 10. Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by the INS which contains a photograph |           | <b>For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:</b>   |            |  |
|   |           | 10. School record or report card   |            |  |
|   |           | 11. Clinic, doctor or hospital record  |            |  |
|   |           | 12. Day-care or nursery school record  |            |  |

Illustrations of many of these documents appear in Part 8 of the Handbook for Employers (M-274)