

I-9 Compliance





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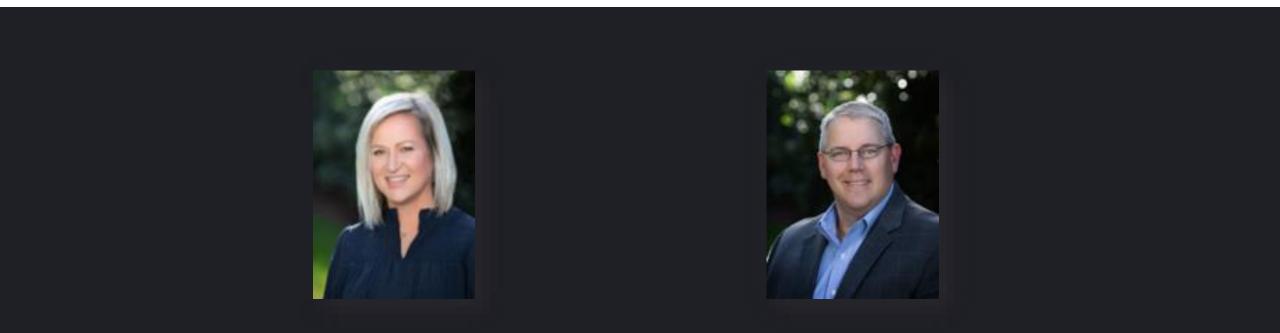
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I-9 Compliance Impacting You







- Highlight Responsibilities and Best Practices
- Discuss Auditing Specifics
- Examine How We Can Help
- Resources Available to You

Agenda





Poll: Do you have a formal <u>1-9 verification and</u> retention process today?







Who's Who

Governing Bodies

- **USCIS –** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- ICE Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- HSI Homeland Security Investigations

What does Form I-9 do?

- Form I-9 requires employers to verify that each employee hired is eligible and legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- The form also asks for identification for all employees. This requirement applies to both U.S. citizens and noncitizens.

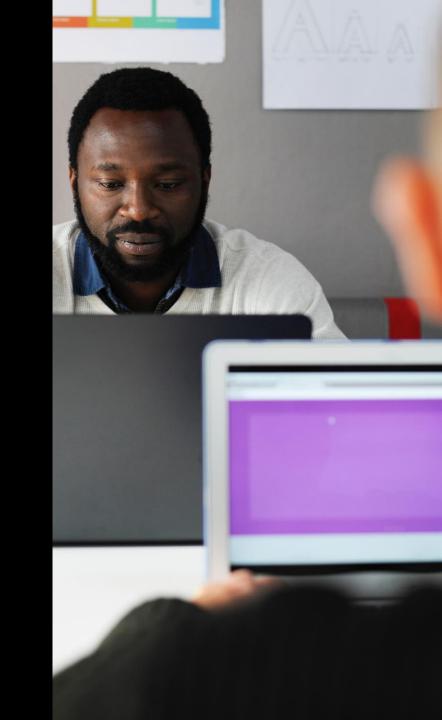


All US Employers must have an I-9 for all current employees hired after Nov 6th 1986.

Who is responsible to complete?

There are two sections on Form I-9:

- Section 1: The employee completes with their personal information on or before day 1 of being hired.
- Section 2: The employer is responsible to complete and date the I-9 information within three business days of hiring the employee.



What are the applicable documents?

- Form I-9's List A confirms both identity and eligibility (or)
- If an employee doesn't have an item from List A, he or she must provide one item from both List B and List C.

List A examples: U.S. Passport, Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), Foreign Passport with a temporary I-551 stamp List B examples: Driver's License, Military ID, Voter Registration Card List C examples: Social Security Card, Certification of Birth Abroad, Native American Tribal Document, Employment Authorization Document issued by the Department of Homeland Security

Remote Best Practices



Best Practices

- Important: The 3-day rule still applies.
- Employee still needs to complete the Section 1 of the I-9.
- Employers must use a *trusted agent or representative* to validate the I-9 to aid in completing Section 2.
 - Notary, Staffing Agency, Personnel Officers, Attorney, Agents, HR Colleague
 - Certain States have restrictions on who can complete the verification (e.g. California)

Remote Best Practices

DHS Extends Form I-9 Requirement Flexibility (Effective January 1, 2022)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced an extension of the flexibility in complying with requirements related to Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, due to COVID-19.

This temporary guidance was set to expire Dec. 31, 2021. Because of ongoing precautions related to COVID-19, <u>DHS has extended the Form I-9 requirement flexibility policy until April 30, 2022</u>.

<u>See the original news release from March 20, 2020</u> for more information on how to obtain, remotely inspect, and retain copies of the identity and employment eligibility documents to complete Section 2 of Form I-9. Please also consult ICE's guidance for clarification on this provision.

Employers must monitor the <u>DHS</u> and <u>ICE's Workforce Enforcement announcements</u> about when the extensions end and normal operations resume.

E-Verify participants who meet the criteria and choose the remote inspection option should continue to follow current guidance and create cases for their new hires within three business days from the date of hire. Please see <u>COVID-19 webpage</u> for more information.

I-9 Retention

Who needs an I-9 and how long?

- Current employees should always have a Form I-9 on file.
- Once terminated, you need to calculate the retention requirements:
 - 3 years from Hire Date (or)
 - 1 year after Termination Date

The latter of the two dates



https://www.uscis.gov/i-9-central/retain-store-form-i-9/retaining-form-i-9

Common Mistakes

Where did I go wrong?



- Do not file Form I-9 with the government.
- Make sure you are using the most current form: Rev. 10/21/2019
- Do not ask for TOO much documentation or specific documentation
 - -Form A OR Form B / C
- Form I-9 cannot be utilized in any capacity prior to making a job offer to a potential employee.
- HR must make sure both the employee and employer have dated the documents.
- Failure to reverify

What if I find a mistake?

Steps to take:

- Corrections must be made.
- Draw line through incorrect information, and then update and initial/date it. –HR/Employer should never update Section 1 (Employee must)
- If you fill out a new I-9 due to corrections, keep with old one and also place detailed memo of the correction reasons.
- If you are missing one:
 - -Immediately complete the form
 - –Do not backdate the form

Why is I-9 Compliance even more important?







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ICE HSI investigation leads to conviction for harboring undocumented workers

The largest penalties ever handed out by ICE amounted to **an eye-popping \$95 million** against a company who knowingly accepted falsified documents -1 immigrants. fror Managers, supervisors, human resource personnel indicted for crimes stemming from the largest single-state worksite enforcement This was the largest single-state worksite enforcement operation in our nation's history, resulting in the detention of 680 illegal aliens and the prosecution of 119 illegal aliens for stealing the identities of American citizens, falsifying immigration documents, fraudulently claiming to be U.S. citizens, and illegal re-entering the country after being deported and the second

What are the penalties?

- Monetary Fines
- Deportation
- Criminal Arrests
- Barred from Government Contracts



Penalty Considerations

Factors:

- Size of the business
- Good faith effort to comply
- Seriousness of the violation
- Involvement of unauthorized workers
- History of previous violations



Poll:

In the event of an audit how quickly must you respond to the NOI (Notice of Inspection) if you are audited?





What does the audit process look like?

Process

- Employers will generally receive a written Notice of Inspection (NOI) at least 3 days before the inspection.
- You may have your inspection in one of two places:
 - -The location where I-9 information is stored
 - –U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement field office



What will you need to provide?

Obligations

- Retrieve and reproduce paper or electronically stored Form I-9's and any other documents the officer requests;
- Provide the officer with the necessary hardware and software to inspect electronic documents; and
- Provide the officer with any existing electronic summary of the information recorded on the employer's Form I-9.



Poll: True or False

I can pick and choose which employees I retain copies of their supporting documents for the Form I-9.





What will you need to provide?

• Employers are in most cases *not required* to create or attach photocopies of documentation submitted to satisfy Form I-9 requirements during the employment eligibility verification process, but the practice is permissible.



Important: If a client is utilizing the E-Verify system and/or works as a Federal Contractor, photos will have to be kept on file to compare with the E-Verify system.



How Payroll Network can help?

- Automate the Process
- Streamline Verification
- Structure Compliance

Features

Onboarding Employee Self Service



Onboarding and I-9

How do we help?

- Provides employees with an electronic solution for completing new hire paperwork.
- Eliminates the need for an HR or Payroll Admin to enter the data manually from paper forms.



Automate Streamline Structure

The Onboarding Process

Gathering I-9 Information

• Step 1:

-Create the Onboarding Template

-Client Management > Onboarding Templates

• Step 2:

-Initiate the Onboarding of your new employee

-Employee Management > Initiate New Hire Onboarding

Streamlining the Process

Onboarding New Hire Notification > Employee

Hello Finn,

Welcome to Accurate Payroll Inc and congratulations on your new position. Your next step is to electronically complete new hire paperwork. To get started, you can set up your account using the link provided below and the system will guide you through the process.

URL: https://payrollnetwork.myisolved.com//AuthenticateUser.aspx?ticket=aa57534e-fee9-4151-93d3-d29ebeba3483&eid=0&peid=46706&

You can expect the process to take an average of 10-25 minutes. If you are unable to complete the process in one session, you can access your account at any time by selecting the link provided above and using the credentials you established during the initial setup.

The Accurate Payroll Inc Team

The Electronic Signature

Terms of Use and Consent to Electronic Communications and Electronic Signatures

1. Electronic Delivery of Communications and Use of Electronic Signatures

By selecting the "I Accept" button, you are signifying your intent to sign this Agreement electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement and any associated documents. By selecting "I Accept" you consent to be legally bound by this Agreement's terms and conditions. You further agree that your use of a key pad, mouse or other device to select an item, button, icon or similar act/action, or in accessing or making any transaction regarding any agreement, acknowledgement, consent terms, disclosures or conditions constitutes your signature (hereafter referred to as "E-Signature"), acceptance and agreement as if actually signed by you in writing. You also agree that no certification authority or other third-party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature and that the lack of such certification or third-party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E-Signature or any resulting contract between you and

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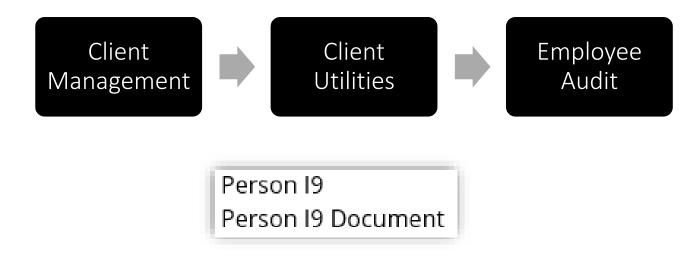
Storing Form I-9 Electronically

- Include controls to:
 - detect and prevent the unauthorized or accidental creation of, addition to, alteration of, deletion of or deterioration of an electronically completed stored Form I-9, including the electronic signature, if used.
 - ensure the integrity, accuracy and reliability of the electronic generation storage system.
 - -ensure an audit trail so that **any** alteration is captured.
- Include an inspection and quality assurance program
- Include a detailed index of all data for quick accessibility
- Produce a high degree of legibility and readability

I-9 Audit Tool

Guidelines of the Electronic Storage include

• Controls to ensure an audit trail so that any alteration or change to the form since its creation is electronically stored and can be accessed by inspectors.





How long should I retain the I-9 information?





The Results of the Audit

ICE will notify the audited party, in writing, of the results of the inspection once completed.

- Notice of Inspection Results also known as a "compliance letter," used to notify a business that they were found to be in compliance.
- Notice of Suspect Documents advises the employer that based on a review of the Forms I-9 and documentation submitted by the employee, ICE has determined that an employee is unauthorized to work and advises the employer of the possible criminal and civil penalties for continuing to employ that individual.
- Notice of Discrepancies advises the employer that based on a review of the Forms I-9 and documentation submitted by the employee, ICE has been unable to determine their work eligibility.
- Notice of Technical or Procedural Failures identifies technical violations identified during the inspection and gives the employer ten business days to correct the forms.
- **Warning Notice** issued in circumstances where substantive verification violations were identified, but circumstances do not warrant a monetary penalty and there is the expectation of future compliance by the employer.
- Notice of Intent to Fine (NIF) may be issued for substantive, uncorrected technical, knowingly hire and continuing to employ violations.

I-9 Resources



Webinar Resources/iSolved University & Help:

i-9 Audit i-9 Dashboard i-9 Verification

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