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DEFINITIONS

1. **Alien:** Any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States.
2. **Alien Number (“A Number”):** The alien registration number, which the Department of Homeland Security assigns to certain aliens, consists of 8 or 9 digits.
3. **Asylee:** An alien in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country, because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.
4. **Class of Admission (COA):** COA reflects the particular provision of law that describes a noncitizen’s immigration status in the United States. For descriptions of COAs, please refer to “Class of Admission (COA) Tables” located in Online Resources.
5. **Conditional Resident:** Any alien granted permanent resident status on a conditional basis (for example, a spouse of a U.S. citizen or an immigrant investor), who must petition for the removal of the set conditions before the second anniversary of the approval of his or her conditional status.
6. **Immigrant:** Any person not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the United States under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence. *See also, Permanent Resident.*
7. **Lawful Permanent Resident:** *See, Permanent Resident.*

8. **Nonimmigrant:** An alien who seeks temporary entry to the United States for a specific purpose. Some examples of nonimmigrants include foreign government officials, visitors for business or for pleasure, foreign students and religious workers.
9. **Permanent Resident:** Someone who has been granted authorization to live and work in the United States on a permanent basis. As proof of that status, a person is granted a permanent resident card, commonly called a "green card" or I-551. Permanent residents are also referred to as "immigrants," "legal permanent residents," "lawful permanent residents," "permanent resident aliens" and "green card holders."
10. **Refugee:** Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.
11. **Temporary Protected Status (TPS):** Establishes a legislative basis for allowing a group of persons temporary refuge in the United States. Under a provision of the Immigration Act of 1990, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate nationals of a foreign state to be eligible for TPS with a finding that conditions in that country pose a danger to personal safety because of ongoing armed conflict or an environmental disaster. Grants of TPS are initially made for periods of 6 to 18 months and may be extended depending on the situation.
12. **USC:** United States Citizen. A person born in the United States or who has become a naturalized citizen of the United States or who has acquired citizenship through the naturalization of parents or, under certain circumstances, to foreign-born children adopted by U.S. citizen parents.
13. **Visa Waiver Traveler:** A foreign citizen or foreign national from one of more than 30 countries who is permitted to enter the United States for business or as a visitor for up to 90 days without obtaining a visa. Visa waiver travelers will have a foreign passport, but most will not have an I-94. Agencies using the Web 3 access method can verify visa waiver travelers using the applicant's foreign passport. For more information, please refer to Q10, below.

NOTE: For more definitions, please visit www.uscis.gov/resources and click the "Glossary" link. The USCIS resources webpage also contains other useful immigration information.

PART I: QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SAVE PROGRAM

Q1: What is the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program?

A1: The SAVE program is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative that aids federal, state and local benefit providers in determining noncitizen applicants' immigration status and thereby ensures that only entitled applicants receive public benefits. However, the SAVE Program does not determine an applicant's eligibility for the actual benefit.

Q2: How does SAVE verify immigration status?

A2: SAVE electronically verifies immigration status using a three step process.

1. The **initial verification** electronically compares information the agency enters against DHS databases and returns a response within seconds. If a match is not possible, the agency is prompted to institute additional verification (also referred to as "second step") and provide any additional information that may assist with verification. The agency must click the "institute additional verification" button to begin additional verification. *It does not occur automatically.*
2. During **additional verification**, a status verifier conducts a manual search of DHS databases, including databases not automatically searchable during the initial step. This step takes between 3–5 federal working days. If verification is still not possible, the system prompts the agency to submit a Form G-845 and copies of the immigration document the applicant presented.
3. The **third step** of the SAVE process requires the agency to mail a Form G-845 and photocopies of the document to USCIS. Agencies should receive a response within 10–20 federal working days.

For an example of verification responses that required all three steps, please refer to **Figure 1**. The case detail screen shows not only the results of the current verification step, but also a history of any prior steps. Note that in all three steps of electronic verification, even in cases in which a Form G-845 must be mailed to USCIS, the response back to the agency is electronic. In cases where a G-845 is used for initial verification, however, the agency would receive the response by mail.



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WEB 3 Case Details

Case Verification Number: 20101881050451C

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Initial Verification Submission

Initial Verification Results

Additional Verification Submission

Additional Verification Results

Third Step Submission

Third Step Results

Figure 1: Web 3 Response Showing the Three Step Process

For further information regarding how to conduct verifications, please consult the the Web 3 Online Resources section. Online resources include documents as: *Web 3 User Guide*, *SAVE Program Guide* and *SAVE Training Course*. The *SAVE Training Course* is particularly useful for people interested in step by step instructions for conducting verifications.

- Q3:** What if the SAVE response contains information that is different from the information on the applicant’s immigration document?
- A3:** If the SAVE response does not match the information presented by the applicant, the agency can click the “Request Additional Verification” button to request further information. Agencies may also choose to develop their own policies regarding whether to accept additional documents as proof of status, such as a marriage certificate to demonstrate a change of an applicant’s name.

If an agency requests additional verification and completes all verification steps, including submitting a G-845 if prompted to do so, and the applicant believes his or her information in DHS records is incorrect, the applicant can seek a records correction. Applicants can visit www.uscis.gov/save and click the link entitled “How To Correct Your Records” for more information.

PART II: QUESTIONS CONCERNING IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

- Q4:** Where can an agency find information regarding what data to enter into the system when conducting a verification?
- A4:** For helpful information regarding what information to enter into the system, agencies can refer to the helper text found next to many of the data fields. Please click the question mark symbol (see **Figure 2**, below).

Enter Applicant Information:

Alien Number:	<input type="text"/>	*	?	← Helper Text
Card Number:	<input type="text"/>	*	?	
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	*	?	
First Name:	<input type="text"/>	*	?	
Middle Initial:	<input type="text"/>			
Date of Birth: {mm/dd/yyyy}	<input type="text"/>	*		
Doc. Expiration Date: {mm/dd/yyyy}	<input type="text"/>	*		
Benefits: (use the Ctrl button to select multiple benefits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver License	*		

Figure 2: Helper Text

- Q5:** Are agencies allowed to photocopy immigration documents?
- A5:** Immigration documentation may be photocopied for official purposes. Some documents, such as a Naturalization Certificate, contain language stating that it is unlawful to make copies of the document without lawful authority. Agencies do have the lawful authority to make photocopies of immigration documents for purposes of verification of immigration status through SAVE.
- Q6:** What documents can an applicant for benefits present for verification of immigration status through SAVE?

A6: SAVE can verify immigration status using data from a variety of immigration documents. Most immigration documents can be verified electronically within 3–5 seconds. **Figure 3** shows which documents SAVE can verify electronically, but see also question Q7 regarding verification of documents not on this list.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (WEB-3) interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: Case Administration (Initial Verification, Search Cases), User Administration (Change Password, Pwd Challenge Q&A, Change Profile), Site Administration (Add User, Search Users, Change Address, Search Groups), and Reports (View Reports). The main content area is titled 'Enter Applicant Information:' and contains a question: 'What document(s) did the applicant present (select one):'. Below this are 12 radio button options: I-327 (Reentry Permit), I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), I-571 (Refugee Travel Document), I-766 (Employment Authorization Card), Certificate of Citizenship, Naturalization Certificate, Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language), Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94), I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record), Unexpired Foreign Passport, WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport, I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status), DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status), and Other (Use Document Description).

Figure 3: List of Electronically Verifiable Immigration Documents

Q7: What if an applicant presents an immigration document that is not among those listed in Figure 2?

A7: SAVE can also verify immigration status using immigration documents not listed in **Figure 3**, including many court issued documents. To verify such documents, the agency should select “other” as a document type and include any additional information that might assist with verification, including receipt number, in the “Other Document Description” field (please refer to **Figure 4** for a screenshot of the required information). Because these documents sometimes require manual verification, the initial response may be “Institute Additional Verification.” The agency must institute additional verification and follow all system prompts to complete the verification process.

If the immigration document does not have an Alien Number or I-94 Number associated with it, please submit the document using a manual Form G-845. The electronic verification process requires an I-94 or Alien Number, with the exception of the “WT/WB” document type, to proceed. Agencies can download

the Form G-845 from the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/forms. For more information about the “WT/WB” document type, please refer to Q10, below.

Figure 4: “Other” Document Type Data Elements
(Note: Asterisks show required information)

- Q8: What if an applicant presents an I-797 as proof of immigration status?**
- A8:** If the I-797 contains an Alien Number or an I-94, it can be used to verify immigration status. Please also refer to Q7.
- Q9: What if an applicant presents a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship that does not have an Alien Number or Certificate Number on it?**
- A9:** Some of the older Certificates of Naturalization and Citizenship were issued without an Alien Number and/or Certificate Number written on them. SAVE’s electronic verification process requires an Alien Number and Certificate Number to verify these documents. If an applicant presents a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship that does not include an Alien Number or Certificate Number, the agency must submit the document using a manual Form G-845. Agencies can download the Form G-845 from the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/forms.
- Q10: What if an applicant presents a foreign passport but was not issued an I-94?**
- A10:** In most cases, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue an I-94 to aliens entering the country, and the I-94 will be attached to the applicant’s

passport. In such cases, an agency should verify immigration status using that document.

If the applicant presents a foreign passport without an I-94, look to see if there is a stamp in the passport indicating the applicant is a “WT” or “WB”, indicating the applicant is visa waiver traveler. “WT” indicates the applicant is a visitor for pleasure (tourist), and “WB” indicates the applicant is a business visitor. CBP has started a policy whereby visa waiver travelers will no longer receive an I-94 but will receive a stamp. **Figure 5** contains sample images of these stamps. If the applicant’s passport contains such a stamp, please verify the status by selecting the document type entitled “WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport.”

There may be some variation in the visa waiver stamps, but they should look similar to the examples below.



Figure 5: Samples of Visa Waiver Stamps

- Q11: If the applicant has more than one immigration document, which one is preferred?**
- A11:** As a general rule, an agency should verify immigration status using the applicant’s most recent immigration document that reflects his or her current immigration status. Additionally, if presented with multiple documents with current validity dates and one contains an Alien Number and another contains an I-94 Number, SAVE recommends that agencies select the document containing the Alien Number.
- Q12: What if a person presents an Order of Supervision as his or her immigration document?**
- A12:** An order of supervision is a document requiring an individual to comply with certain stipulations and to report periodically to an immigration official. An order of supervision cannot be verified on the initial electronic step, but it may be possible to verify an applicant’s immigration status using this document through additional verification. Please see Q7 concerning verification of documents using the “other” document type. Note also that a person under an order of supervision may have an I-766 work authorization document (EAD) that can be used to verify the person’s immigration status.
- Q13: How will the newly designed I-551 Permanent Resident Card affect immigration status verification?**

entering the United States indicating the country of their citizenship and Duration of Status (D/S) written in the “admit to” section. However, the date they are admitted to may also be left blank. This does not mean the I-94 is invalid. SAVE is able to verify the applicant’s immigration status. When verifying immigration status in such cases, please leave the document expiration date field blank.

Q16: What information should I enter if the person has had his or her name changed?

A16: Agencies should enter biographical information into SAVE exactly as it appears on the immigration document the applicant presents. However, there may be instances when the applicant’s current information does not match immigration databases, such as after a marriage name change. In such cases, the agency must decide whether to accept any additional documentation, such as a marriage certificate, as proof of the name change, or to begin additional verification steps through SAVE and note in the comment field that there is a name discrepancy. Note, however, that SAVE will only be able to verify a name change if the applicant has updated his or her records with USCIS.

PART III: QUESTIONS CONCERNING SAVE RESPONSES ON INITIAL VERIFICATION

Q17: What does “Date Admitted To” mean?

A17: This is the date when the alien’s authorized period of stay in the United States expires, based on the document presented.

Q18: What does it mean if the “Date Admitted To” response is “Indefinite”?

A18: A response of “Indefinite” means the applicant has no limit on how long he or she may remain in the United States. For example, lawful permanent residents would receive this response.

Q19: What does it mean if the “date admitted to” response is “D/S”?

A19: “D/S” stands for “duration of status.” This means that an alien’s authorized stay in the United States is continuous so long as the person is still engaging in the activity associated with the alien’s immigration status. For example, a foreign student’s authorized stay continues for as long as the student complies with the requirements associated with the foreign student program.

Q20: Why does part of the SAVE response include a statement whether an applicant is employment authorized?

A20: Not all legally present aliens are allowed to work in the United States. Because some benefits are also linked to whether an alien is authorized to work, the SAVE Program includes this as part of the response when possible.

Q21: How should SAVE text responses on initial verification be interpreted?

A21: SAVE returns a text response along with information on the applicant's immigration status and date of entry. The following is a description of these responses:

USC: Please refer to definition #10, above.

Employment Authorized: Certain categories of aliens may work during their authorized stay in the United States. A SAVE response of "Employment Authorized" indicates that the alien applicant belongs to one of these categories.

Temporary Employment Authorized: Certain categories of aliens may work during their authorized stay in the United States. A SAVE response of "Temporary Employment Authorized" indicates that the alien applicant belongs to one of these categories.

If Principal-Temporary Employment Authorized: Certain aliens' immigration status is dependent upon the immigration status of another alien. For example, a foreign ambassador has an admission code of A-1. In addition, the foreign ambassador's immediate family members have an A-1 status. The ambassador is the "principal" and is work authorized, but the immediate family members are not.

Institute Additional Verification: A SAVE response of "Institute Additional Verification" is a prompt that means SAVE was unable to verify the applicant's immigration status on the first attempt. It does not mean the applicant is not in a legal immigration status. To complete the verification, the agency should follow SAVE procedures for requesting additional verification. During additional verification, status verifiers conduct in depth manual searches of relevant immigration databases. Agencies should receive a response within 3-5 federal business days.

Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR): Please refer to definition #9, above.

Immigrant: Please refer to definition #6, above.

Nonimmigrant: Please refer to definition #8, above.

PART IV: QUESTIONS CONCERNING ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION

Q22: When Instituting Additional Verification, what additional information should the agency include?

- A22:** When an agency institutes additional verification, the system will provide an opportunity to enter additional verification data. The additional data can include one or more of several different categories:
- “User Case Number” allows the agency to enter a code if it chooses. It assists the agency with its own internal tracking and has no effect on the verification itself.
 - “A.K.A.” allows the agency to enter additional information about the applicant’s name that might help USCIS verify the applicant’s immigration status.
 - “Special Comments” allows the agency to enter any other data that might help USCIS verify the applicant’s immigration status. For example, if the applicant has another immigration document, the agency could input this information. When entering information about a second immigration document, please follow these guidelines:
 - Include the document type, such as I-551, I-766 or I-797.
 - Include any document numbers, such as the alien number, I-94 number or receipt number.
 - If possible, the agency should include the name and telephone number of the agency employee submitting the request for verification. This will facilitate quick resolution if further information is required.

Q23: What sort of responses should an agency expect after instituting additional verification?

- A23:** An agency that has instituted additional verification is submitting the query to USCIS for additional research by a status verifier. The status verifier checks immigration status information using additional resources that are not accessible through automated verification. The status verifier will respond with the applicant’s immigration status and class of admission. If Verification is not possible, the status verifier will respond with “resubmit with docs.” The “resubmit with docs” response is a prompt for the agency to submit a Form G-845. For more information, please see the following section concerning the Form G-845.

PART V: QUESTIONS CONCERNING 3rd STEP (FORM G-845) VERIFICATION

Q24: What is a Form G-845?

A24: If an applicant's immigration status cannot be verified on initial or second step verification, the system will prompt the user to "Resubmit with docs," which will generate a Form G-845, which will include a unique Verification Number printed near the top. The G-845 functions as a third step verification, whereby the agency submits the form, along with a photocopy of the front and back of the document the applicant presented, to USCIS for detailed manual research (please also refer to the Form G-845 instructions, located at www.uscis.gov/forms, for more details). It should also be noted that agencies are legally authorized to make photocopies of immigration documents for purposes of verifying immigration status.

Q25: How should the responses to the Form G-845 be interpreted?

A25: The G-845 serves as a third tier verification, after automated initial and additional verification. When prompted to "resubmit with docs," the agency must print out the Form G-845, which the internet and web services access methods automatically generate. Along with the Form G-845, the DMV must mail photocopies of both sides of the immigration documentation the applicant submitted (please consult online resources, particularly the *Web 3 User Guide*, *SAVE Program Guide* and *SAVE Training Course* for further details concerning submitting a Form G-845). A DMV can expect one of the following responses to a Form G-845 submission:

1. "This document appears valid and relates to a **Lawful Permanent Resident alien** of the United States."

This box is checked when the documentation submitted is determined to relate to a Lawful Permanent Resident. Documents presented may include such things as a Form I-551, Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV), or a valid Form I-94, with the notation "*Processed for I-551, Temporary Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence.*" (The term temporary here refers to documentary evidence. It does not imply that the immigration status itself is temporary.) Immigration law allows this person to live and work in the United States on a permanent basis.

2. "This document appears valid and relates to a **Conditional Resident alien** of the United States."

This box is checked when the documentation submitted is determined to relate to a Conditional Resident. Under the law, this person is allowed to live and work in the United States. However, USCIS will reevaluate his or her status within 2 years. Conditional resident noncitizen status is normally granted to noncitizens that marry U.S. citizens or nationals, or lawful permanent resident noncitizens of the United States.

3. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien **authorized employment** as indicated below:"

This box is checked to show if the authorization covers full-time or part-time employment and when the period of employment will expire. "Indefinite" will be indicated if there is no specific expiration date for employment eligibility.

4. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien who has an **application pending** for:"

This box is checked when a noncitizen's application for a new immigration status or change of immigration status is pending. If a change of status is pending, the response will specify which status. Note that when an application is pending, a determination has not yet been made by the USCIS.

5. "This document relates to an alien having been granted **asylum/refugee status** in the United States."

This box is checked when a noncitizen has been granted asylum or refugee status in the United States, because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution in his or her country of nationality. These statuses are considered temporary.

6. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien **paroled** into the United States pursuant to Section 212 of the INA."

This box is checked for a noncitizen who has been allowed to enter the United States under emergency conditions or when his or her entry has been determined to be in the public interest.

7. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien who is a **Cuban/Haitian entrant**."

This box is checked for a noncitizen who has been granted parole status as a Cuban/Haitian Entrant, as defined under section 501(3) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980.

8. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien who is a **conditional entrant**."

This is a term that refers to refugees admitted before 1981.

9. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien who is a **nonimmigrant**."

This response indicates an alien who seeks temporary entry to the United States for a specific purpose. Some examples of nonimmigrants include: foreign government officials, visitors for business or for pleasure, foreign students and religious workers.

10. "This document appears valid and relates to an alien **not employment authorized** in the United States."

This is a possible response to requests for agencies with a need for employment information, such as labor agencies that administer unemployment benefits. Departments of Motor Vehicles should not receive this response.

11. "Continue to process as legal alien. USCIS is searching indices for further information."

This response means that relevant databases did not contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's current immigration status and it was necessary to request the applicant's physical file.

12. "This document is not valid because it appears to be:"

This response means that the document appears to be "expired," "altered" or "counterfeit." The appropriate box is indicating which of the three possibilities should be checked.

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