

Form I-9 Checklist For Department Representatives

Section 1. Employee Information and Verification: To be completed on the first day of work. Earlier is acceptable, but the form cannot be completed before the employee has been hired.

- Give the employee a Form I-9 (all pages including instructions). Ask him/her to complete Section 1 and bring an acceptable combination of documents.

NOTE: Let the employee choose the documents! Never request specific documents.

- Check that the employee has completed all fields:
 - ✓ Name: The employee must use his/her Legal Name in correct order.
 - ✓ Address, Date of Birth, Social Security Number.
 - ✓ Citizenship Attestation
 - a. A Lawful Permanent Resident must provide an 8- or 9-digit Alien Number.
 - b. An Alien Authorized to Work must provide the date work authorization expires and an Alien number or an 11-digit Admission number from the Form I-94.
 - ✓ Sign and Date: The form is not valid without a signature.

- Preparer and/or Translator Certification: If someone other than the employee completed Section 1.

Section 2. Employer Review and Verification: To be completed no later than the employee's third workday by an authorized representative of the hiring department. (Contact your supervisor or HR to find out if you are authorized to sign this section.)

- Accept the first valid document or combination of documents presented. Accept only originals and do not ask for or accept more than is required.
 - ✓ Valid documentation is one of the following: One document from List A, **or** one from List B **and** one from List C
 - ✓ Be sure the employee has signed the documents.
 - ✓ Note that Foreign Passport with an I-94 Arrival/Departure Record requires an additional Work Authorization document, such as I-20 or DS-2019.
 - ✓ Make a readable copy of each document.

- Record each Document title, Issuing authority, Document number, and Expiration date (if applicable). Use the correct lines according to the key at the far left of the page. Be sure to use the correct column for List A, B, or C.

- Enter the actual first day of work (month/day/year) even if employee is to be paid the entire month. Do not leave this space blank!

- Sign and Date
 - ✓ Only the person who **viewed** the original documents can complete this section.
 - ✓ Address should include the name of the university department or unit.

Section 3. Updating and Reverification: Only use this section when the employee's work authorization has changed or has a new expiration date.

Handling the Completed I-9:

- Keep a copy of the completed I-9 and all supporting documents for the departmental employee file.

- Forward the original I-9 with all supporting documents to HR Records, 224 Conference Center Building, Knoxville, TN 37996 prior to the third day of work.

Troubleshooting:

- Employee name does not match the documents provided.
 - The employee must use his/her legal name. If he/she is in the process of changing names, use the current name on the I-9 form and the employee record. Once the name has been changed, he/she can complete a personal data form with copy of new social security card and W-4 and present to Human Resources.
 - If the employee presents a Social Security Card, the name on the Form I-9 must be the same as the name on the card.
- The employee does not have a Social Security Number.
 - A citizen of the U.S. must provide proof from the Social Security Administration that an application has been made. Complete Section 2 of the I-9 using the information on the letter, if the Social Security Card is a supporting document. Copy of actual card must be sent to HR within 60 days.
- The employee has a “delay” letter saying he/she has applied for the document(s).
 - Most official delay letters are acceptable. Use the information on the letter to complete the I-9 and send the form to HR as usual with a copy of the letter attached.
- The I-9 Form is late.
 - Do not backdate the form. Explain why the document is late on a separate sheet of paper. Sign and date it and attach it to the original I-9. Remind all involved that federal law requires this form to be complete no later than the third workday.
- The employee does not provide acceptable documents by the third workday.
 - Employment should not continue. Contact the Human Resources for assistance and referral. It may be necessary to work with Human Resources to dismiss the employee.

Additional Resources:

- The [I-9 Handbook for Employers](http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/m-274.pdf) (<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/m-274.pdf>) published by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Contact Human Resources for additional information.