

DHS Credential Issuer Acceptable Identity Source Documents

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the Chief Security Officer (OCSO) Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) Program (i.e. the DHS Credential Issuer) only accepts the following identity (ID) source documents for issuance of a Department credential (e.g., DHS Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Card). These are a sub-set from Form I-9, *Employment Eligibility Verification*. Although Form I-9 says that employees presenting a LIST A document should not be asked to present any other document, it is a Federal Information Processing Standards 201 requirement to capture two ID source documents during identity proofing for Department credential issuance. During identity proofing the applicant shall provide at least one primary document. The secondary ID source document may be from the primary list but cannot be of the same type as the initial primary ID source document presented (e.g., a foreign passport and a second foreign passport).

All documents must be in original form and shall not be expired or cancelled. At least one ID source document shall meet the Strong evidence requirements documented in the Validating Identity Evidence section of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-63A. ID source documents bearing different names shall obtain a formal name change document in addition to the collected ID's. These ID source documents are only for use in the Continental United States. DHS Credentialing Facilities (DCFs) operating outside the Continental United States who need to determine what is an acceptable ID source document, then coordination with the DHS OCSO HSPD-12 Program is required for OCSO Center for International Safety and Security approval.

Each DCF staff member shall become familiar with these documents; this is accomplished by selecting the hyperlinked text in the I-9 List column for detailed information; these document examples can be found on the below United States Citizenship and Immigration Services link¹. For further questions, contact the DHS HSPD-12 Program at OneCardSSD@hq.dhs.gov.

Acceptable ID Source Documents				
Document Type	Form Number	I-9 List	Primary (P) / Secondary (S)	Important Information
United States (U.S.) Passport or a U.S. Passport Card	Not Applicable (N/A)	List A	P	N/A
Driver's license or ID card that is compliant with [REAL-ID] requirements	N/A	List B	P	See footnote ²
Permanent Resident Card or an Alien Registration Receipt Card	Form I-551	List A	P	See footnote ³
Foreign passport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form I-94 or Form I-94A Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Form I-551 stamp or Form I-551 printed notation 	N/A	List A	P	See footnote ⁴
Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph	Form I-766	List A	P	N/A

¹ <https://www.uscis.gov/i-9-central/acceptable-documents/list-documents/form-i-9-acceptable-documents>

² On or after May 3, 2023, state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards that are not [REAL-ID] compliant may not be used. On or after May 3, 2023, state-issued driver's licenses with "Not For Federal ID," or similar language may not be accepted for enrollment.

³ Also known as "Green Cards," and may/may not contain a signature. Both signature/non-signature types are valid until the expiration date shown on the card..

⁴ (i) Foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A with arrival-departure record bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the individual's nonimmigrant status and authorization to work for a specific employer based on this status. This document may only be used if the period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment does not conflict with any restrictions or limitations listed on Form I-94 or I-94A, Arrival/Departure Report (ii) Foreign Passport from the FSM or the RMI with Form I-94 or Form I-94A; or (iii) Foreign passport containing a Form I-551 stamp or Form I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV). This document is subject to reverification.

Document Type	Form Number	I-9 List	Primary (P) / Secondary (S)	Important Information
U.S. Military ID card	N/A	List B	P	N/A
U.S. Military dependent's ID card	N/A	List B	P	N/A
PIV Card	N/A	N/A	P	N/A
ID card issued by a federal, state, or local government agency or entity, provided that it contains a photograph	N/A	List B	S	See footnote ⁵
Voter's registration card	N/A	List B	S	N/A
U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	N/A	List B	S	N/A
Certificate of U.S. Citizenship	Form N-560 or Form N-561	N/A	S	N/A
Certificate of Naturalization	Form N-550 or Form N-570	N/A	S	N/A
U.S. Citizen ID Card	Form I-197	List C	S	N/A
Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the U.S.	Form I-179	List C	S	N/A
Certification of Birth Abroad or Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State	Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350	List C	S	N/A
Reentry Permit	Form I-327	N/A	S	N/A
Employment authorization document issued by DHS	N/A	N/A	S	See footnote ⁶
Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority	N/A	List B	S	N/A
Native American tribal document	N/A	List B	S	N/A
U.S. Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration	N/A	List C	S	See footnote ⁷
Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, possession, or outlying possession of the U.S. bearing an official seal	N/A	List C	S	N/A
Another piece of evidence that meets the requirements of Fair evidence specified in NIST SP 800-63A	N/A	N/A	S	See footnote ⁸

⁵ This includes official DHS PIV Official credentials, DHS federal law enforcement credentials, and DHS non-law enforcement credentials.

⁶ Some employment authorization documents issued by DHS include but are not limited to the Form I-94 issued to an asylee or work-authorized nonimmigrant (e.g., H-1B nonimmigrants) because of their immigration status, the unexpired Reentry Permit (Form I-327), the Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561), or the Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570) A form I-797 issued to a conditional resident may be an acceptable secondary document in combination with his or her expired Form I-551 ("green card").

⁷ The Social Security Card must be unrestricted. A card that includes any of the following restrictive wording is not an acceptable ID source document; 1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT, 2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION, or 3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION.

⁸ One piece of Strong evidence and one other piece of evidence meeting the requirements of Fair evidence in NIST SP 800-63A are considered sufficient for issuance of a DHS PIV Card because the requirement for a federal background investigation is considered a compensating control for identity proofing at Identity Assurance Level 3.