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GN 00303.630 Requesting and Interpreting the Response for an Initial or Additional Verification Using SAVE

The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) is a service that helps federal, state, and local public benefit issuing agencies determine the immigration status of aliens applying for benefits so only those entitled to benefits receive them. SAVE allows technicians to electronically verify immigrant, non-immigrant (aliens temporarily admitted to the U.S. and issued Form I-94, which shows an admission number), and naturalized or derived citizenship status using data taken from the claimant's document. For claims purposes, access SAVE via the I-Main (Intranet Main Menu) website (see [MS 02902.001](#)).

Key information in this section is organized as follows:

- Policy ([GN 00303.630A](#)) and procedure ([GN 00303.630B](#)) for submitting an Initial Verification to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).
- Interpreting and Initial Verification response ([GN 00303.630C](#)).
- Policy ([GN 00303.630D](#)) and procedure ([GN 00303.630E](#)) for submitting an Additional Verification to USCIS.
- Interpreting an Additional Verification response ([GN 00303.630F](#)).
- List of the most common Class of Admission (COA) codes ([GN 00303.630G](#)).

A. Policy for when to complete an Initial Verification Request

Complete an Initial Verification request when any of the following conditions exist:

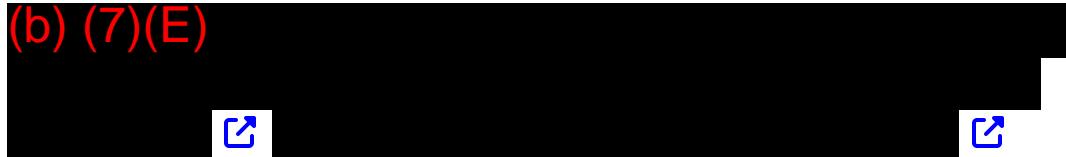
- The immigration document has either an Alien Registration Number (ARN) or admission number.

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B. Procedure for submitting an Initial Verification to DHS

To begin the electronic Initial Verification, log on to the SAVE system (see [MS 02902.001](#) for guidance on accessing the SAVE system), and then follow the action steps in the below table to submit an Initial Verification.

Step	Action:
1	To start the Initial Verification request, from the SAVE Homepage go to the top-level navigation menu and select the Initiate Case button. You may also select Initiate Verification from the Quick Links menu which is also on the SAVE Homepage.
2	Select a Document on the Initiate Case - Document Type page , and then select the Next button. The SAVE System displays a list of documents. The user must select the document provided by the applicant from the list of documents to proceed. If the document the applicant provided is not on the list, the user must select "Other" and provide the applicant's "Alien Number" or "I-94 Number," First and Last Name, Date of Birth, and benefits the applicant is seeking.
3	Enter the applicant's information on the Initiate Case - Applicant Information page . After entering the applicant's information, select the Next button. The applicant's information includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Date of Birth)

Step	Action:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Information (Alien/USCIS Number, Card Number, Document Expiration Date) • Requested Benefit(s) (check the appropriate benefit(s)) • Additional Request(s) – check the specific Additional Request information you would like to request (i.e.; Cuban/Haitian, Affidavit of Support, Immigration Status, etc.) <p>Note: The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required to process the verification. If you need assistance, you can click on the question marks to open a help text page.</p>
4	<p>If the immigration document selected in Step 2 is anything other than the I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) or I-766 (Employment Authorization Card), go to Step 5.</p> <p>If the immigration document selected in Step 2 was either the I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) or I-766 (Employment Authorization Card), then SAVE will go to the Initiate Case – Photo Matching page and will display a photo in the SAVE system and prompt the technician to indicate if the photo on the immigration document matches the photo in the SAVE system. The technician will select either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – photo matches • No – photo does not match • Document not provided <p>and select the Next button.</p> <p>Reminder:</p> <p>If the photo matches, select “Yes – photo matches” and select the Next button.</p> <p>(b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]</p>

Step	Action:
	<p>If the I-551 or I-766 is selected from the list of documents in Step 2 and the technician does not have the document in front of them, they MUST select the “Document not provided” option and select the Next button.</p> <p>Note: If the I-551 or I-766 is selected from the list of documents in Step 2 and there is no photo found in the SAVE system the case will automatically go to an Additional Verification and the Photo-Matching page will not appear.</p>
5	<p>SAVE will return the Initial Verification Response. You have the option to View/Print Entire Case Details; Request Additional Verification; or Close Case. If a case is not closed, it will remain active in the system for 180 days.</p>

C. Interpreting an Initial Verification Response

Compare the Initial Verification (IV) response with the information on the immigrant document. Continue processing the claim for benefits or PE action basing your decision on the IV response as well as the other evidence submitted, including the immigration document. If more information is needed to make a determination or if the IV response is not consistent with the immigration document, request an Additional Verification (AV) via SAVE (see [GN 00303.630D](#)).

The chart below explains what the SAVE IV Response means.

1. Initial Verification (IV) Response Messages

SAVE IV RESPONSE	WHAT THE SAVE IV RESPONSE MEANS
ASYLEE	A non-citizen in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to their country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the non-

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	citizen's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), Form I-571 or an EAD.
ASYLEE - EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	An asylee that is employment authorized. See response for ASYLEE for additional information.
DACA – EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security announced that individuals who came to the United States as children and met other key requirements could request consideration for <i>deferred action</i> . This is referred to as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and is limited to a specific period, but can be renewed, at which time a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is issued. This response will be received when the applicant's immigration status was verified using a valid EAD demonstrating employment authorization.
IF PRINCIPAL - TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	This response will be received when the non-immigrant applicant presents a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport. This response includes foreign government officials, treaty traders and investors, international representatives, representatives of foreign information media, and NATO officials. It says "IF PRINCIPAL" because the individual who was admitted under the Class of Admission (COA) as the representative or

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	official is employment authorized incident to status. Spouses or unmarried children who accompany them are admitted under the same COA, but are not employment authorized incident to status. See GN 00303.630G for a list of the most common COA codes.
INSTITUTE ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION	SAVE was unable to verify the applicant's status on electronic initial verification. There may have been an issue electronically locating the records or additional verification may be required due to conflicting data or the nature of the applicant's status.
LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT	Any person not a citizen or national of the United States who has been admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident. This status is usually documented with an I-551 Permanent Resident Card, I-327 Reentry Permit, or I-571 Refugee Travel Document.
LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT-EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	A Lawful Permanent Resident that is employment authorized. See response for "Lawful Permanent Resident" for additional information.
NON-IMMIGRANT	A non-citizen who is admitted into the United States for a specific reason and for a limited period of time. The non-citizen must have a permanent residence abroad (for most non-immigrant classes of admission) and qualify for the non-immigrant classification. The non-immigrant classifications include, but are not limited to:

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	<p>foreign government officials, visitors for business and for pleasure, aliens in transit through the United States, treaty traders and investors, students, international representatives, temporary workers and trainees, representatives of foreign information media, exchange visitors, fiancé(e)s of United States citizens, intracompany transferees, NATO officials, and religious workers. Spouses and unmarried children (also referred to as "dependents") can accompany or join the principal nonimmigrant but are not necessarily eligible for employment authorization. Nonimmigrants will typically have a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport with an admission stamp that evidences their temporary status and period of authorized stay.</p> <p>Note: The individual is not employment authorized unless they have a Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD).</p>
NON-IMMIGRANT - EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED CNMI ONLY	Applies only to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI). The CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW) visa classification allows employers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to apply for temporary permission to employ foreign (nonimmigrant) workers who are otherwise

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	ineligible to work under other nonimmigrant worker categories. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or an unexpired foreign passport.
NON-IMMIGRANT - TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	A non-immigrant that is temporarily employment authorized. See response for "Non-Immigrant" for additional information.
REFUGEE	A non-citizen outside their 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 non-citizen's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), Form I-571 or an EAD.
REFUGEE – EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	A refugee that is employment authorized. See response for REFUGEE for additional information.
TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	Certain categories of non-citizens may apply for employment authorization during their authorized stay in the United States. A SAVE response of "Temporary Employment Authorized" indicates that the non-citizen applicant belongs to one of these categories and has been verified by the electronic system with an EAD that has been found to be valid.

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TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) : EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	<p>Establishes a legislative basis for allowing a group of people temporary refuge in the United States. 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. The response says EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED because the individual was verified using a valid EAD demonstrating employment authorization.</p> <p>Note: EADs for these individuals may be auto-extended. In such cases, SAVE will announce such an extension is in effect and in most cases will automatically add the extended work authorization period onto the existing EAD, which may be expired on its face. If the additional period is not added and you need a SAVE verification on that point, please submit the case for additional verification.</p>
UNABLE TO PROCESS	When a "VERIFICATION IN PROCESS" has been in the SAVE queue for over 24 hours, the case will be automatically closed with this system response. The technician must

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	initiate a new request to verify the applicant's immigration status.
UNITED STATES CITIZEN	<p>Applicant that has a record of naturalized or derived citizenship with USCIS, usually documented with a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship.</p> <p>Note: SAVE does not verify the citizenship of native-born U.S. citizens. SAVE cannot verify United States citizenship using a United States passport or United States birth records.</p>
VERIFICATION IN PROCESS	When a SAVE data partner system is down and the technician initiates a request. The request is placed in a queue and the SAVE system will continually attempt to run the request for up to 24 hours.

2. Other Information Provided on Initial Verification

In addition to the text response, the Initial Verification will provide the following information.

a. Date Admitted to.

Based on the document presented. This relates to when the non-citizen's authorized period of stay or status in the United States expires. If there is no date in the field, it may state one of the following:

- Indefinite - The person has no limit to how long they may remain in the United States. For example, a lawful permanent resident would receive this response.
- D/S - Stands for "duration of status." This means that a non-citizen's authorized stay in the United States is continuous so long as the person is still engaging in the activity

associated with the non-citizen'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's program.

b. Class of Admission (COA) code.

Initial Verification responses will also generally provide a COA code. The COA code may be relevant for benefit eligibility. However, the COA code provided is not always a definitive indicator of the individual's eligibility.

Technicians should consider the COA code in conjunction with the SAVE eligibility response and the immigration document presented in order to determine the applicant's eligibility for benefits. For example, someone with a pending application for asylum may have a COA code indicating that they are not legally in the United States.

There are also some individuals granted temporary relief who are therefore lawfully present, such as Temporary Protected Status or Deferred Action, but whose COA does not reflect that temporary relief. See [GN 00303.630G](#) ↗ for a list of the most common COA codes.

D. Policy for when to complete an Additional Verification Request

Complete an Additional Verification request when any of the following conditions exist:

- The data from the Initial Verification Results differs from the immigration document.
- The Initial Verification Results System Response message shows "Institute Additional Verification."
- The Initial Verification Results does not confirm the immigration status shown on the immigration document submitted.
- It is necessary to verify the NH's prior period of immigration status in certain Title II situations and the prior periods will not exceed 160 characters (see [RS 00301.102](#) ↗ for verifying a prior period of immigration status for insured status purposes).

E. Procedure for submitting an Additional Verification to DHS

Follow the action steps in the below table to submit an Additional Verification via SAVE.

Step	Action:
1	<p>To start an Additional Verification request, from the Initial Verification Response View Case Details page select the Request Additional Verification button.</p>
2	<p>Enter the information into the appropriate fields and check all of the appropriate boxes applicable to the case on the Enter Additional Information page. Attach legible scanned copies (front and back) of the immigration document(s) to the case by clicking the Browse and Attach buttons (Scan and Upload feature) and then select the Submit button.</p> <p>Note: Technicians should update the Point of Contact fields ("POC Name" and " POC Phone Number") with their information so either the SAVE Case Verifier or the SSA Regional or Central Office know who to contact if there are any questions or problems with the Additional Verification case.</p>
3	<p>The case has been submitted and is being processed for Additional Verification. SAVE will return the Case Details page with a DHS response line status of "DHS Verification in Process" in the DHS Response field.</p> <p>Note: DHS will normally return an Additional Verification response within 3-5 federal workdays. If an Additional Verification response has not been received after 15 federal workdays, follow-up with DHS by calling the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Case Resolution Unit (CRU) hotline at 1-877-469-2563.</p>

F. Interpreting an Additional Verification Response

Compare the Additional (second-step) Verification (AV) response with the information on the immigration document presented. Continue processing the claim for benefits or post-entitlement (PE) action basing your decision on the AV response as well as the other evidence

submitted, including the immigration document. If more information is needed to make a determination (b) (7)(E)

via SAVE (see [GN 00303.640](#)).

The responses returned by a SAVE Status Verifier at the Additional (second-step) Verification (AV) level are not identical to those returned by the Initial (first-step) Verification (IV) level. The SAVE Status Verifier response protocol is largely based on the type of document used to verify the applicant's status. Generally, the SAVE Status Verifier will provide the applicant's immigration status as the primary DHS response (see [GN 00303.630F.1](#) below in this section). However, when the technician uses an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) for verification, the SAVE Status Verifier may provide employment authorization as the primary DHS response (see [GN 00303.630F.2](#) below in this section).

1. Additional Verification (AV) Response Messages when the Immigration Status is the Primary DHS Response

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APPLICATION PENDING	The non-citizen has filed an application with USCIS for an extension, change or adjustment of status, or to obtain employment authorization, but a USCIS decision on the application has not yet been made. Some non-citizens are employment authorized while the application is pending. Usually documented with a Form I-797 Notice of Action and/or an EAD issued as a result of the application.
ASYLEE	A non-citizen in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to their country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the non-citizen's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Usually documented with a Form

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	I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), Form I-571 or an EAD. Note that, unlike initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is an asylee.
ASYLEE, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – INDEFINITE	An asylee that is employment authorized. See response for ASYLEE for additional information.
CONDITIONAL ENTRANT	An immigration status used for refugees prior to the Refugee Act of 1980. All conditional entrants entered the United States before 1981, when the federal government stopped using this status. While many conditional entrants have adjusted to lawful permanent resident status or became U.S. citizens, some retain their original status. See REFUGEE and LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT above in initial verification response section (GN 00303.630C.1). Note that, unlike initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Conditional Entrant.
CONDITIONAL ENTRANT, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	A Conditional Entrant that is employment authorized. See CONDITIONAL ENTRANT for additional information.
CONDITIONAL RESIDENT	A person allowed to live and work in the United States as a permanent resident. However, USCIS will re-evaluate their status within two years to ensure that the person obtained it lawfully. An example of a person granted conditional resident status is a non-citizen or national that marries a United States citizen or national or lawful permanent resident and adjusts status or is

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	admitted on an immigrant visa before the marriage is two years old. Usually documented with an I-551 Permanent Resident Card, temporary I-551 stamp in a foreign passport, or I-327 Reentry Permit. Note that, unlike initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Conditional Resident.
CONDITIONAL RESIDENT, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	A Conditional Resident that is employment authorized. See CONDITIONAL RESIDENT for additional information.
CONTINUE TO PROCESS	The SAVE Status Verifier is unable to determine the person's status based on the information currently available and further research is necessary. A final response will be provided upon completion of research.
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	The non-citizen is authorized to work in the United States for a specified period of time. This response will be the primary response used when an EAD is the document presented by the individual who is verified as DACA, TPS or Application Pending. The Expiration Date will be provided. DACA, TPS and Application Pending will be stated in the comments from SAVE.
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – INDEFINITE	The non-citizen is authorized to work in the United States incident to status. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport.
LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT	Any person not a citizen or national of the United States who has been admitted to the United

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	<p>States as a lawful permanent resident. This status is usually documented with an I-551 Permanent Resident Card, I-327 Reentry Permit, or I-571 Refugee Travel Document.</p> <p>Note: Unlike the initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Lawful Permanent Resident.</p>
NON-IMMIGRANT	<p>A non-citizen who is admitted into the United States for a specific reason and for a limited period of time. The non-citizen must have a permanent residence abroad (for most nonimmigrant classes of admission) and qualify for the nonimmigrant classification. The nonimmigrant classifications includes, but are not limited to: foreign government officials, visitors for business and for pleasure, aliens in transit through the United States, treaty traders and investors, students, international representatives, temporary workers and trainees, representatives of foreign information media, exchange visitors, fiancé(e)s of United States citizens, intracompany transferees, NATO officials, and religious workers. Spouses and unmarried children (also referred to as "dependents") can accompany or join the principal nonimmigrant but are not necessarily eligible for employment authorization.</p> <p>Nonimmigrants will typically have a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport with an admission stamp that evidences their temporary status and period of authorized stay.</p>

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	<p>Note: The individual is not employment authorized unless they have a Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD).</p>
NON-IMMIGRANT, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	<p>A non-immigrant with employment authorization approved for only a limited period of time. See response for NON-IMMIGRANT for additional information.</p>
NOT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED	<p>The non-citizen is not authorized to work in the United States. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport.</p>
NOT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED PAROLEE – EXPIRES	<p>A parolee with a specified time limit on their parole into the United States who is not employment authorized. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport.</p>
NOT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED PAROLEE – INDEFINITE	<p>A parolee with no specified time limit on their parole into the United States who is not employment authorized. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website) or foreign passport.</p>
OTHER	<p>Used when one of the other more specific responses listed in the additional (second step) verification section are not appropriate for the individual in question. When "Other" is selected, status and employment information (when available) will be provided by the SAVE Status Verifier in the comments to the agency.</p>

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PAROLEE – EXPIRES	<p>A non-citizen or non-national who has been allowed into the United States under emergency conditions or when their parole has been determined to be in the public interest. The term "Expires" denotes that there is a specified time limit placed on the individual's parole into the United States. The relevant date will be included in the response. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), foreign passport or EAD.</p> <p>Note: Unlike the initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Parolee.</p>
PAROLEE – INDEFINITE	<p>A non-citizen or non-national who has been allowed into the United States under emergency conditions or when their parole has been determined to be in the public interest. The term "Indefinite" denotes that there is no specified time limit placed on the individual's parole into the United States. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), foreign passport or EAD.</p> <p>Note: Unlike the initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Parolee.</p>
PAROLEE, EXPIRES, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	<p>A non-citizen or non-national that has employment authorization. See response for PAROLEE – EXPIRES for additional information.</p>

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PAROLEE, INDEFINITE, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – EXPIRES	A non-citizen or non-national that has employment authorization. See response for PAROLEE – INDEFINITE for additional information.
REFUGEE	<p>A non-citizen outside their 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 non-citizen's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Usually documented with a Form I-94 (including electronic printout from CBP website), Form I-571 or an EAD.</p> <p>Note: Unlike the initial verification, the COA code will not be provided at this step when the individual is a Refugee.</p>
REFUGEE, EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – INDEFINITE	A refugee that is employment authorized. See response for REFUGEE for additional information.
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U.S. CITIZEN	Applicant that has a record of naturalized or derived citizenship with USCIS, usually documented with a Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship.

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	<p>Note: SAVE does not verify the citizenship of native-born U.S. citizens. SAVE cannot verify United States citizenship using a United States passport or birth records.</p>

2. Additional Verification (AV) Response Messages when the Employment Authorization is the Primary DHS Response

When the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is used for verification, the SAVE Status Verifier may provide employment authorization as the primary AV response. The following is a summary of current SAVE Status Verifier response protocols when an EAD is presented for AV.

- The AV response will be **LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT , ASYLEE , REFUGEE , PAROLEE** , and **NON-IMMIGRANT** when that is the appropriate status for a person. The Status Verifier will state “Employment Authorized” in the comments.
- The AV response will be **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED – INDEFINITE** or **EXPIRED** (as appropriate) for a person with the status of DACA, TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS or APPLICATION PENDING. The Status Verifier will also state “DACA”, “Temporary Protected Status” or “Application Pending” in the comments field.

Additionally, the SAVE Status Verifier will put a COA code in the Status Code field if **NON-IMMIGRANT** is the DHS response. The Admitted to Date will also be provided for any status that expires (except for Deferred Enforced Departure or Temporary Protected Status).

G. List of Most Common Class of Admission (COA) Codes

The following chart lists the Class of Admission (COA) codes for the SAVE Verification response that appear most frequently. See instructions in [RS 00204.025](#) (Title II) and [SI 00502.130](#) (Title XVI) for documentary evidence requirements that establish U.S. lawful presence for Title II purposes and qualified alien status for Title XVI purposes.

This chart is not an all-inclusive list. It does not include the three-position category code that is shown on the face of the I-551 card, on the machine readable immigrant visa (MRIV) under “IV

Category" on that form, or written on the temporary I-551 stamp which indicates the section of the law that allowed the person to be lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence or to adjust their status to LAPR status (e.g., P26 indicating the person adjusted status under the provisions of section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Further, some of the codes do not indicate an actual immigration status (e.g., ABD, ASD, ASR, EWI, HR, IJ, PEN) but are Initial Verification Results COA line codes that indicate other important information for making the decision about whether to continue processing the claim for benefits or PE action.

NOTE: Generally, regardless of the COA code, when the alien has been issued an EAD and the ARN or admission number is entered to query SAVE, the Eligibility Statement message is "Temporary Employment Authorized."

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
ABD	Abandonment of Residency (applies only to permanent resident aliens, i.e., LAPRs)	Institute Additional Verification
AS	Claimant for asylum	Institute Additional Verification
AS1	Asylum granted (principal)	Asylee – Employment Authorized
AS2	Asylum granted (spouse of principal asylee)	Asylee – Employment Authorized
AS3	Asylum granted (child of principal asylee)	Asylee – Employment Authorized
ASD	Asylum denied	Institute Additional Verification
ASR	Asylum status revoked	Institute Additional Verification
B1	Visitor for business	Non-Immigrant
B2	Visitor for pleasure (tourist)	Non-Immigrant

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
BE	Bering Strait agreement visa free B-2 visitor to certain designated areas of Alaska	Non-Immigrant
CC	<p>Cuban Parolee (mass migration)</p> <p>NOTE: For Title XVI purposes, this code may indicate the person is a Cuban/Haitian Entrant as defined in SI 00502.108.</p>	Non-Immigrant
CH	Parolee (for humanitarian reasons)	Non-Immigrant
CP	Parolee (for public interest reasons)	Non-Immigrant
D1	Crewman (arriving and departing on same vessel or aircraft)	Non-Immigrant
D2	Crewman (arriving and departing on different vessels or aircraft)	Non-Immigrant
DA	Parolee	Non-Immigrant
DEP	Deported	Institute Additional Verification
DT	Parolee	Non-Immigrant
E1	<p>Treaty Trader</p> <p>Also: Spouse or child of principal E-1 treaty trader alien</p>	If Principal, Temporary Employment Authorized

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
E2	Treaty Investor Also: Spouse or child of principal E-2 treaty investor alien	If Principal, Temporary Employment Authorized
E-3	Treaty Trader in a specialty occupation	If Principal, Temporary Employment authorized
ERF	Expedited removal pending	Institute Additional Verification
EWI	Entered without inspection	Institute Additional Verification
GB	Visa waiver visitor to the U.S. for business in Guam	Non-Immigrant
GT	Visa waiver visitor to the U.S. for pleasure in Guam (tourist)	Non-Immigrant
IJ	Referred to Immigration Judge (refers to an application for certain immigration benefits (e.g., the claimant has requested asylum)	Institute Additional Verification
J1	Exchange visitor	Non-Immigrant
J2	Spouse or child of J-1 exchange visitor alien	Non-Immigrant
K1	Fiancée or fiancé of a U.S. citizen	Temporary Employment Authorized
K2	Minor child of K-1 alien	Non-Immigrant

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
K3	Spouse of US Citizen	Non-Immigrant
K4	Child of K3	Non-Immigrant
KIC	Kickapoo Indian who is a U.S. citizen	United States Citizen
KIP	<p>Kickapoo Indian who is treated as a lawful permanent resident (see RM 10211.075 ↗ for enumeration purposes)</p> <p>NOTE: If the person applied for Title XVI benefits, follow SI 00502.105 ↗ to determine if the requirements for a non-citizen member of a Federally recognized Indian tribe are met. For documentary evidence for an American Indians born in Canada, see instructions in GN 00303.420A.2. ↗</p>	Lawful Permanent Resident—Employment Authorized
N8	Parent of an alien granted permanent residence	Non-Immigrant
N9	Child of an alien granted permanent residence	Non-Immigrant
O1	Alien with extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	Temporary Employment Authorized

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
O2	Alien accompanying O-1 alien	Temporary Employment Authorized
O3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2 alien	Non-Immigrant
OP	Parolee	Non-Immigrant
P1	Internationally recognized athlete or entertainer in an internationally recognized group	Temporary Employment Authorized
P2	Artist or entertainer in an exchange program	Temporary Employment Authorized
P3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	Temporary Employment Authorized
P4	Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3 alien	Non-Immigrant
PEN	There is a pending DHS action (the claimant has applied for an immigration benefit, but DHS has not yet adjudicated that application, e.g. the claimant applied to adjust their status to permanent resident alien or LAPR status)	Institute Additional Verification
PI	Citizen of a Compact of Free Association country (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Palau)	Temporary Employment Authorized
PR N8	Parolee Parent of an alien granted permanent residence	Non-Immigrant

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
R1 O3	Religious worker with a nonprofit religious organization Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2 alien	Temporary Employment Authorized Non-Immigrant
R2 OP	Spouse or child of R-1 religious worker alien Parolee	Non-Immigrant
RE P1	Refugee Internationally recognized athlete or entertainer in an internationally recognized group	Refugee --- Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
RE1 P2	Refugee on or after April 1, 1980 Artist or entertainer in an exchange program	Refugee --- Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
RE2 P3	Refugee spouse of RE1 alien Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	Refugee --- Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
RE3 P4	Refugee child of RE1 alien Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3 alien	Refugee --- Employment Authorized Non-Immigrant
RE4 PEN	Refugee who derive refugee status from principal RE1 alien There is a pending DHS action (the claimant has applied for an immigration benefit, but DHS has not yet adjudicated that application, e.g. the claimant applied to adjust their status to permanent resident alien or LAPR status)	Refugee --- Employment Authorized Institute Additional Verification

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
RE5 PI	Haitian refugee Citizen of a Compact of Free Association country (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Palau)	Refugee – Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
RF PR	Refugee Parolee	Refugee – Employment Authorized Non-Immigrant
S1	Special Agricultural worker	Institute Additional Verification
S2	Special agricultural worker	Institute Additional Verification
S3	H-1B1 worker in a specialty occupation	Temporary Employment Authorized
S4 R1	H-1C (a nurse who is going to work for up to three years in health professional shortage area) worker Religious worker with a nonprofit religious organization	Temporary Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
S5 R2	Alien supplying critical information relating to a criminal organization or enterprise Spouse or child of R-1 religious worker alien	Non-Immigrant
S6 RE	Alien supplying critical information relating to counterterrorism Refugee	Non-Immigrant Refugee -- Employment Authorized
S7 RE1	Spouse or child of S-5 or S-6 alien Refugee on or after April 1, 1980	Non-Immigrant Refugee -- Employment Authorized

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
S9 RE2	H-2A Emergency farm worker Refugee spouse of RE1 alien	Temporary Employment Authorized Refugee -- Employment Authorized
ST RE3	Special agricultural worker Refugee child of RE1 alien	Institute Additional Verification Refugee -- Employment Authorized
T1 RE4	Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons Refugee who derive refugee status from principal RE1 alien	Non-Immigrant Refugee -- Employment Authorized
T2 RE5	Spouse of a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons Haitian refugee	Non-Immigrant Refugee -- Employment Authorized
T3 RF	Child of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons Refugee	Non-Immigrant Refugee -- Employment Authorized
T4 S1	Parent of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons (if T-1 victim is under 21 years of age) Special Agricultural worker	Non-Immigrant Institute Additional Verification
T5 S2	Sibling of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons Special agricultural worker	Non-Immigrant Institute Additional Verification
TD S3	Spouse or child of TN alien H-1B1 worker in a specialty occupation	Non-Immigrant Temporary Employment Authorized

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
TN S4	Professional business person from Canada or Mexico (North American Free Trade Agreement) H-1C (a nurse who is going to work for up to three years in health professional shortage area) worker	Temporary Employment Authorized Temporary Employment Authorized
UN S5	Unknown Alien supplying critical information relating to a criminal organization or enterprise	Institute Additional Verification Non-Immigrant
USC S6	U.S. citizen Alien supplying critical information relating to counterterrorism	United States Citizen
UU S7	Unknown Spouse or child of S-5 or S-6 alien	Institute Additional Verification Non-Immigrant
U1 S9	Victim of Certain Criminal Activity H-2A Emergency farm worker	Non-Immigrant Temporary Employment Authorized
U2 ST	Spouse of U-1 Special agricultural worker	Non-Immigrant Institute Additional Verification
U3 T1	Child of U-1 Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons	Non-Immigrant
U4 T2	Parent of U-1, if U-1 is under 21 years of age Spouse of a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons	Non-Immigrant
U5 T3	Sibling of U-1 Child of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons	Non-Immigrant

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
V1 T4	Under the LIFE Act, the spouse of an LAPR alien who is determined to meet certain requirements Parent of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons (if T-1 victim is under 21 years of age)	Non-Immigrant
V2 T5	Under the LIFE Act, a child of an LAPR alien who is determined to meet certain requirements Sibling of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons	Non-Immigrant
V3 TD	Under the LIFE Act, the child of a V-1 or V-2 alien who meets certain requirements Spouse or child of TN alien	Non-Immigrant
WB TN	Visitor for business from a visa waiver country Professional business person from Canada or Mexico (North American Free Trade Agreement)	Non-Immigrant Temporary Employment Authorized
WI UN	Without inspection Unknown	Institute Additional Verification Institute Additional Verification
WT USC	Visitor for pleasure (tourist) from a visa waiver country U.S. citizen	Non-Immigrant United States Citizen
UU	Unknown	Institute Additional Verification
U1	Victim of Certain Criminal Activity	Non-Immigrant
U2	Spouse of U-1	Non-Immigrant

COA code	What the code means	The System Response message that is generally shown with the code
U3	Child of U-1	Non-Immigrant
U4	Parent of U-1, if U-1 is under 21 years of age	Non-Immigrant
U5	Sibling of U-1	Non-Immigrant
V1	Under the LIFE Act, the spouse of an LAPR alien who is determined to meet certain requirements	Non-Immigrant
V2	Under the LIFE Act, a child of an LAPR alien who is determined to meet certain requirements	Non-Immigrant
V3	Under the LIFE Act, the child of a V-1 or V-2 alien who meets certain requirements	Non-Immigrant
WB	Visitor for business from a visa waiver country	Non-Immigrant
WI	Without inspection	Institute Additional Verification
WT	Visitor for pleasure (tourist) from a visa waiver country	Non-Immigrant

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