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# RM 10214.175 Interpreting Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Third Level verification Responses

## Interpreting Third Level Responses

The Social Security Number Application Process (SSNAP) automatically compares the Third Level response with the SSNAP alien data entered from the immigration document to make a verified or not verified decision. The Third Level response consists of two parts; a major response and a minor response. The minor response will allow SSA to process responses previously requiring SSA to use a paper G-845 form.

Third Level Major Response	Third Level Minor Responses	What the Third Level Response Means
Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)	Employment Authorized Indefinite	The person is an alien lawfully admitted as a permanent resident.  See evidence of LPR status, <a href="#">RM 10211.025</a> .
Conditional Resident	Employment Authorized Indefinite	The person is a conditional resident alien.  See definition of conditional resident alien, <a href="#">RM 10211.001B.10</a> .  Treat a conditional resident alien as an LPR for enumeration purposes,.  See evidence of conditional resident alien and LPR status, <a href="#">RM 10211.025</a> .
Application Pending	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	The alien has applied for a new lawful alien status or change of status, and DHS has not yet made a decision

		<p>on the application.</p> <p>DHS has temporarily authorized the alien to work. When the alien is authorized to work, DHS issues a I-766 card (Employment Authorization Document (EAD)), unless employment authorization is inherent in the current status</p>
Application Pending	Not Employment Authorized	<p>DHS has temporarily allowed the alien in the U.S. for a specific purpose but did not authorize employment.</p> <p>Do not process the SSN application unless the applicant has a valid non-work reason per <a href="#">RM 10211.610</a></p>
Asylee	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>The alien has been granted asylum (asylee status) under section 208 of the INA.</p> <p>See evidence of asylees status, <a href="#">RM 10211.205</a>.</p>
Refugee	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>The alien has been granted refugee status under section 207 of the INA.</p> <p>See evidence of refugee status, <a href="#">RM 10211.185</a>.</p>
Parolee - Indefinite	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	<p>DHS paroled the alien into the U.S. indefinitely. Employment authorization expires on the date provided.</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for a parolee, <a href="#">RM 10211.200</a>.</p>
Parolee - Indefinite	Not Employment Authorized	<p>DHS paroled the alien into the U.S. indefinitely but did not authorize employment.</p> <p>Do not process the SSN application unless the applicant has a valid non-work reason per <a href="#">RM</a></p>

		<a href="#">10211.610.</a>
Parolee - Expires	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	DHS temporarily paroled the alien into the U.S. until the expiration date provided.  Employment authorization expires on the date provided.  See evidence of employment authorization for a parolee, <a href="#">RM 10211.200</a>
Parolee – Expires	Not Employment Authorized	DHS temporarily paroled the alien into the U.S. until the expiration date provided but did not authorize employment.  Do not process the SSN application unless the applicant has a valid non-work reason per <a href="#">RM 10211.610.</a>
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)  See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420.</a>
Conditional Entrant	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	The alien entered the U.S. under <a href="#">section 203(a)(7)</a> of the INA before April 1, 1980.
Non-immigrant	Employment Authorized Indefinite	The alien is temporarily in the U.S. for a specific purpose.  In some situations, DHS returns this response for certain Employment Authorization Document (I-766 card, EAD) holders.  To process the SSN application, refer to the type or Class of Admission (COA) <a href="#">RM 10211.420.</a>
Non-immigrant	Employment Authorized	DHS has authorized the alien

	Temp Emp Authorized	<p>to work temporarily in the U.S. until the expiration date provided.</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a></p>
Non-immigrant	Not Employment Authorized	<p>Do not process the SSN application unless the applicant has a valid non-work reason per <a href="#">RM 10211.610</a></p>
American Indian born in Canada	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>The alien is an American Indian born in Canada to whom the provisions of <a href="#">section 289</a> of the INA apply.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> DHS does not currently use this response for verifications.</p>
U.S. Citizen	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>DHS has information in its electronic records that the person assigned the alien registration number (A#) is now a U.S. citizen.</p> <p>Continue processing the SSN application when this response agrees with the documents presented per <a href="#">RM 10210.500</a>.</p>
Continue to Process		<p>This is an interim reply indicating DHS needs more time to research the files, see <a href="#">RM 10214.205B</a>.</p>
Document appears Expired	Not Employment Authorized	<p>The document presented is expired, see <a href="#">RM 10214.175C.4</a>, in this section.</p> <p>However, if DHS granted temporary protected status (TPS) and automatically extended the Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766 (EAD)), see <a href="#">RM 10211.420E</a>.</p>
Document Appears Altered	Not Employment Authorized	<p>The document presented is altered, see <a href="#">RM 10214.175C.5</a>, in this section.</p>

		<p>Do not process the application.</p> <p>Refer to OIG following <a href="#">RM 10205.320</a></p>
Document Appears Counterfeit	Not Employment Authorized	<p>The document presented is not valid, see <a href="#">RM 10214.175C.5</a>, in this section.</p>
Other	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>DHS is unable to verify the applicant's status. (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
Other	Employment Authorized Temp Emp Authorized	<p>DHS is unable to verify the applicant's status. (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a></p>
Other	Not Employment Authorized	<p>DHS has temporarily allowed the alien in the U.S. for a specific purpose but did not authorize employment.</p> <p>Do not process the SSN application unless the applicant has a valid non-work reason per <a href="#">RM 10211.610</a></p>
Deferred Action Status	Employment Authorized- Temp Emp Authorized	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
Deferred Enforce Departure (DED)	Employment Authorized- Temp Emp Authorized	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the</p>

		<p>United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
Family Unity	Employment Authorized-Temp Emp Authorized	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
No Status-Granted Withholding of Removal	Employment Authorized Indefinite	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
No Status- Released on an order of Supervision	Employment Authorized-Temp Emp Authorized	<p>This applicant does not currently have any immigration status, was detained, and was released from the custody of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on an Order of Supervision. This means the applicant is subject to an administrative final removal order, but cannot be removed to their country at this time. Applicants released on an Order of Supervision are employment authorized with a valid EAD, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>
Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	Employment Authorized-Temp Emp Authorized	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)</p> <p>See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a>.</p>

VAWA Self-Petitioner	Employment Authorized- Temp Emp Authorized	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)  See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a> .
No Status	Employment Authorized Indefinite	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)  See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a> .
No Status	Employment Authorized- Temp Emp Authorized	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has authorized the alien to work temporarily in the United States (U.S.)  See evidence of employment authorization for non-immigrants, <a href="#">RM 10211.420</a> .

### Third level response verifies the immigration document

When the Third Level response verifies the information on the immigration document,

- continue processing the SSN application
- base the decision on the Third Level response as well as other evidence the applicant submitted.

The Third Level response takes precedence over the prior determination of the person's alien status.

### IMPORTANT:

**DO NOT** resubmit another initial verification (IV) request to see if the IV response now agrees with the immigration document.

DHS status verifiers **DO NOT** correct the online SAVE data or provide guidance to SSA concerning what to tell the applicant to do to correct the electronic DHS record.

### Third Level Response does not verify the immigration document

#### Response does not match immigration document submitted

When the immigration document submitted

- does not match the Third Level Response (e.g., the applicant submitted an I-94 with COA code H1B and
- the Third Level response indicates "Lawful Permanent Resident" instead of "Non-immigrant"),

take these steps:

- Do not process the application and see;
- See, Following Up on Overdue or Questionable Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Responses [RM 10214.205](#)

### **Response is "Continue to Process"**

When the Third Level response is "Continue to Process"("USCIS is searching indices for further information"), do not take any action to process the SSN application until you receive the final DHS response. This is an interim reply indicating DHS needs more time to research the files.

For information on extended response times required for these verifications, see

- [RM 10214.170C](#) Requesting Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Verification of Immigration Documents Using Third Level (Document Verification Request) (Scan and Upload feature) and
- [RM 10214.205](#) Following Up on Overdue or Questionable Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Responses

### **Response indicates applicant should contact DHS**

When the Third Level response

1. does not verify the information on the immigration document submitted, and
2. indicates SSA should refer the applicant to DHS, take these steps:
  - a. Do not process the application;
  - b. Provide written notice; use Form SSA-L676 (Refusal to Process SSN Application) to the applicant explaining
    - that we cannot process the application because we cannot verify the document, and
    - that they need to contact DHS to resolve with that agency why they could not verify their lawful alien status for SSA;
  - c. Provide "Information for Applicants: Verification of Immigration Status and How to Correct Your Records with USCIS" the [DHS Factsheet](#); and
  - d. Delete the SSN application.

### **See Also:**

[RM 10215.115](#) Procedures for Providing Written Notice to an SSN Applicant



**Response indicates document is expired:**

- When the Third Level response indicates the document is expired, follow [RM 10211.135B.1.](#)
- If DHS granted temporary protected status (TPS) and automatically extended the EAD, see [RM 10211.420E.](#)

**Response indicates document is altered or counterfeit:**

- Do not process the SSN application when the Third Level response indicates the document is altered or counterfeit.
- Refer the case to the Office of Inspector General Field Division following [RM 10205.320.](#)

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