

DHS PIV Card Issuer (PCI) Acceptable Identity Source Documents

DHS accepts only the following identity source documents. These are a selected sub-set from Form I-9, OMB No. 1615-0047 (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 (FIPS) 201-2 requirement for two identity source documents to be captured for the purpose of DHS PIV Card enrollment and issuance. During identity proofing the applicant shall provide at least one primary document (i.e., “P”). The secondary identity source document (i.e., “S”) may be from the primary list, but cannot be of the same type as the initial primary identity source document presented (e.g., a foreign passport and a second foreign passport).

All documents must be in original form, and shall be unexpired and not cancelled. The below documents are only for use within the Continental United States (CONUS); PCI Facilities (PCIFs) operating Outside of the Continental United States (OCONUS) who need to determine what is an acceptable identity source document, then coordination with the DHS PCI is required for OCSO Foreign Access Management (FAM) approval.

It is highly recommended that each PCIF staff member become familiar with each of these documents; this can be accomplished by selecting the hyperlinked text for List A, List B, and List C; these lists and document picture examples can be found on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website link in the footnote¹. For further questions, contact the DHS PCI through an e-mail to OneCardSSD@hq.dhs.gov.

Acceptable Identity Source Documents				
Document Type	Form Number	I 9 List	Primary (P) / Secondary (S)	Important Information
U.S. Passport or a U.S. Passport Card	Not Applicable (N/A)	List A	P	N/A
Permanent Resident Card or an Alien Registration Receipt Card	Form I-551	List A	P	See footnote ²
Foreign passport, containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-551 stamp; or • I-551 printed notation 	N/A	List A	P	N/A
Foreign passport, containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary I-551 stamp; or • Temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV) 	N/A	List A	P	See footnote ³
Foreign passport, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 and contain an endorsement to work; or • Form I-94A with Arrival/Departure Report and contain an endorsement to work 	N/A	List A	P	See footnote ⁴
Employment Authorization Document (Card) that contains a photograph	Form I-766	List A	P	N/A
Driver’s license or an ID card issued by a state or possession of the United States (U.S.) provided it contains a photograph	N/A	List B	P	N/A
U.S. Military ID card	N/A	List B	P	N/A

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

² May or may not contain a signature. A signature is not required for the card to be valid for Form I – 9.

³ Note that this document is subject to reverification.

⁴ Foreign passport must have a Arrival/Departure Report bearing the same name as the passport and contain an endorsement of the alien’s nonimmigrant status that authorizes such alien to work for a specific employer incident to 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.

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U.S. Military dependent's ID card	N/A	List B	P	N/A
PIV Card	N/A	N/A	P	N/A
U.S. Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration	N/A	List C	S	See footnote ⁵
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
ID card issued by a federal, state, or local government agency or entity, provided it contains a photograph	N/A	List B	S	See footnote ⁶
Voter's registration card	N/A	List B	S	N/A
U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) 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
Temporary Resident Card	Form I-688	N/A	S	N/A
Employment Authorization Card	Form I-688A	N/A	S	N/A
Reentry Permit	Form I-327	N/A	S	N/A
Refugee Travel Document	Form I-571	N/A	S	N/A
Employment authorization document issued by DHS	N/A	N/A	S	See footnote ⁷
Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS with photograph	Form I-688B	N/A	S	N/A
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

⁵ The Social Security Card must be unrestricted. A card that includes any of the following restrictive wording is not an acceptable identity source document; 1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT, 2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION, or 3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION.

⁶ This included official DHS federal credentials, and federal law enforcement credentials.

⁷ 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").