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To discuss the nationwide implementation of Self Check.

# **Key Topics**

- How does Self Check apply to you?
- Background on E-Verify and Self Check
- Self Check Process Overview

Self Check | A Service of E-Verify





### What is Self Check?

- Self Check is a FREE online service that lets you make sure your records are accurate BEFORE an employer checks your employment eligibility
- Self Check is now available nationwide to all citizens and non-citizens interested in learning about their employment eligibility

## Self Check en Español

 Self Check is available in Spanish as well, improving the accessibility and usability of the application for non-English speakers





# How does Self Check apply to you?

- All employers are required to verify the identity and employment eligibility of everyone hired in the United States
- Employers use E-Verify at more than one million hiring sites in the U.S. to verify new workers' employment eligibility
- Self Check lets you verify the same records employers check in E-Verify





### **E-Verify** and How Does it Work? What is

- E-Verify is a free, web-based service operated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that lets enrolled employers electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees
- E-Verify use is voluntary for most employers



### **Employers Use It!**

- U.S. employers ran more than 17 million cases through E-Verify in 2011
- Over 98.3% of cases receive an immediate Employment Authorized response





# Self Check. Background

- Requested by Congress in late 2009
- Self Check is a voluntary, fast, free and simple online service that allows an individual to check his or her employment eligibility
- It was implemented in three phases, beginning with an initial launch to 5 states plus the District of Columbia in March 2011, and a second implementation to 16 additional states in August of 2011
- Self Check is now available <u>nationwide</u>
- Since launch of Self Check in March 2011, over 65,000 individuals have used Self Check to verify their employment eligibility







# Comparing E-Verify and Self Check :

	E-Verify Program	Self Check Service
Audience	U.S. businesses	U.S. workers
Purpose	Verify employment eligibility of workforce	Check your own employment eligibility
System Security	Employer registration process and user accounts	Identity assurance process on each use
Legislative Mandate	Required in certain states and for most federal contractors	Voluntary; results cannot be used against you
Availability	50 states and U.S. territories	50 states and U.S. territories





# Benefits of Self Check

- Self Check gives you
  - An opportunity to learn about the employment eligibility verification process
  - Insight into your employment eligibility
  - If necessary, guidance to resolve a mismatch between the information you provide and the data in your records
- Self Check helps employers by allowing U.S. workers to confirm their employment eligibility is accurate before being checked by an employer





## What does Self Check tell me?

- Self Check lets you know if your employment eligibility is in order on the date you use it
- If the employment eligibility verification information you provide Self Check does not match the government records checked, you will see a notice of mismatch
  - A mismatch in Self Check does not necessarily mean you are not authorized to work in the United States
  - Following up on a Self Check mismatch is not required, but doing so lets you know why there is a mismatch and how to correct it





# Proper use of Self Check.

- Self Check does not give users a work authorization credential
  - All employers must still verify the employment eligibility of new hires using the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification
  - E-Verify employers must still verify the employment eligibility of new hires using the Form I-9 and run new hires through E-Verify
- No one can require the use of Self Check
  - If an employer or potential employer requests proof of a Self Check query, notify the Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices at (800) 255-7688





## **How Self Check works**

ESTABLISH IDENTITY

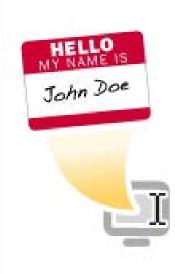
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ENTER ID DATA

TAKE A QUIZ

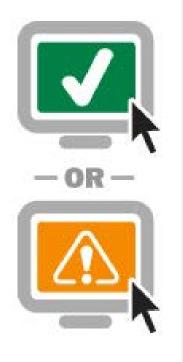
ENTER DOCUMENT DATA

GET RESULTS







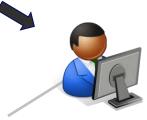






## **How Self Check works**







The Self Check website offers program information and links to E-Verify, **USCIS** and DHS sites

**Employment Eligibility Verification:** 

A user's employment eligibility information is gathered and compared by E-Verify to DHS and SSA records

**Identity Assurance:** 

Knowledge based questions are generated using the personal information provided by the user



A user is only able to use Self Check if his or her identity is successfully authenticated





User sees Self Check results and, if applicable, receives guidance to correct data mismatches in SSA or DHS records





**PRESENTATION** 

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## Informational USCIS Self Check Website

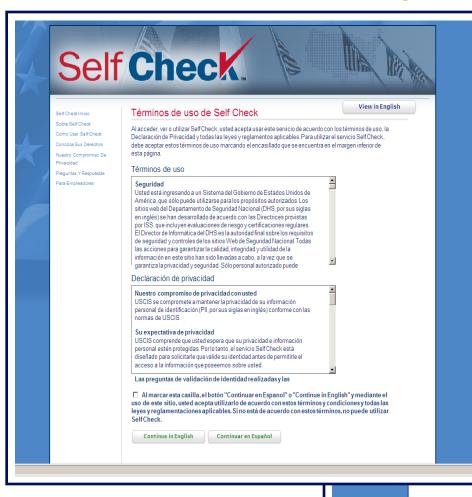


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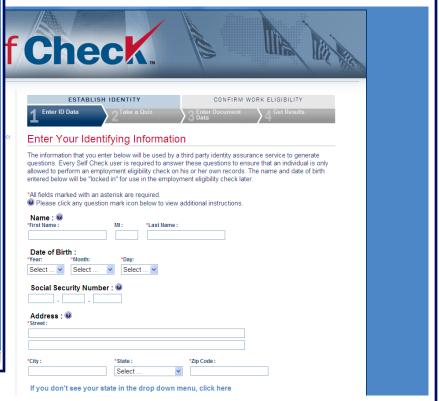




# Self Check Data Entry



Website: https://selfcheck.uscis.gov







# **Completing Your Identity Assurance Quiz**

### Be sure to:

- Enter all required information correctly
- If something is unclear, use the helper text



- Read each question thoroughly and answer carefully
- Complete the quiz in a timely manner; you are given 60 seconds to answer each question
- If a question does not relate to you or none of the other answers are correct, select "None of the above"





# **Screen Previews | Identity Proofing Quiz**



### ID Proofing Question

You are visiting an independent, secure, identity assurance service. This service is using non-governmental information to generate identity-based questions that only you should be able to answer. When the quiz is completed, you will return to complete the E-Verify Self Check employment eligibility check.

Please do not use the Back button on your browser during this process. If you do, your session will be terminated and you will have to start over.

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## **Screen Previews | Employment Authorization Response**



**Self Check Home** 

About Self Check

How to Use Self Check

Know Your Rights Commitment to

Questions and Answers

Privacy

**Work Authorization Confirmed** 

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Self Check compared the information you provided to U.S. government databases and can confirm that, based on the information you provided, you are eligible to work in the United States.

4 GET RESULTS

If you are hired today by an E-Verify participating employer and you use the same documents and information provided, you will most likely be instantly work authorized when your employer checks your information using E-Verify.

In the event that you are not instantly work authorized, please work with your employer to ensure that your information was entered correctly and, if necessary, follow the steps outlined by E-Verify to resolve any issues.

This does not mean that you are guaranteed to pass through E-Verify without issue. A number of things can happen between now and when a future employer checks your information using E-Verify that may cause you to get a mismatch. Those things include name changes, citizenship status changes, expiration of work authorization, or a simple data entry error when your employer is entering your information into E-Verify. It is important that you keep your records up to date with the government to ensure an accurate employment verification process.

Thank you for completing the Self Check process!







# Screen Preview | Possible Mismatch







# **Screen Preview | Notice of Possible Mismatch**







# **Avoiding Unnecessary Self Check Mismatches**

- Make sure you have your identity and work authorization documents with you before you begin
- Use unexpired, up-to-date identification documents
- Make sure you have entered your information accurately
- If you changed your name recently, be sure to update your records with DHS and SSA
- If you naturalized or changed your immigration status recently, be sure to visit SSA and update your records
- Avoid using aliases or nicknames and use only official name as reflected on your government records



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# **Avoiding Unnecessary Self Check Mismatches**

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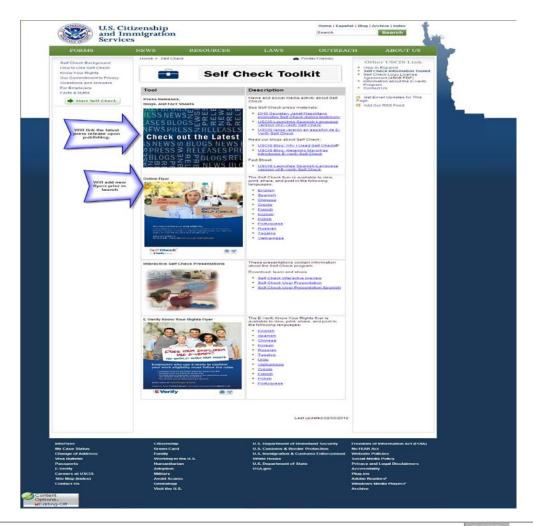
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## **Self Check Toolkit**







# Resources for Self Check and E-Verify

### Self Check

- Self Check Website: www.uscis.gov/selfcheck and www.uscis.gov/selfcheck/espanol
- To run a Self Check query: https://selfcheck.uscis.gov
- Self Check Service Line: (855) 804-0296; (877) 875-6028 (TTY number)
- Self Check Email: everifyselfcheck@dhs.gov

### Mismatch/Records-related Questions

National Customer Service Center: (800) 375-5283; (800) 767-1833 (TTY number)

### E-Verify

- E-Verify Website: www.dhs.gov/E-Verify
- E-Verify Email: E-Verify@dhs.gov
- E-Verify Employee Hotline: (888) 897-7781

Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair **Employment Practices** 

- DOJ OSC Website: www.justice.gov/crt/osc/
- DOJ OSC Hotline: (800) 255-7688

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