WHAT IS THE PRICE STRUCTURE?

- Agencies that access the SAVE Program are charged per transaction.
- Agencies submitting electronic queries incur a transaction charge of $0.50 per query. The total charge for an applicant request initiated electronically, including any additional verification, will generally not exceed $1.00.
- The transaction charge is higher for initiating a verification request using the paper verification method. A rate of $2.00 applies to each paper verification request submitted via the Form G-845, Document Verification Request.

HOW DOES AN AGENCY REGISTER?

- To register for SAVE, go to the SAVE website at www.uscis.gov/SAVE and click "Sign Up for the SAVE Program."
- The agency must enter into an agreement regarding SAVE usage. The agreement with SAVE will include the terms and conditions for payment of transaction costs.
- SAVE Program staff will assist agencies in registering and entering into an agreement for the use of SAVE.

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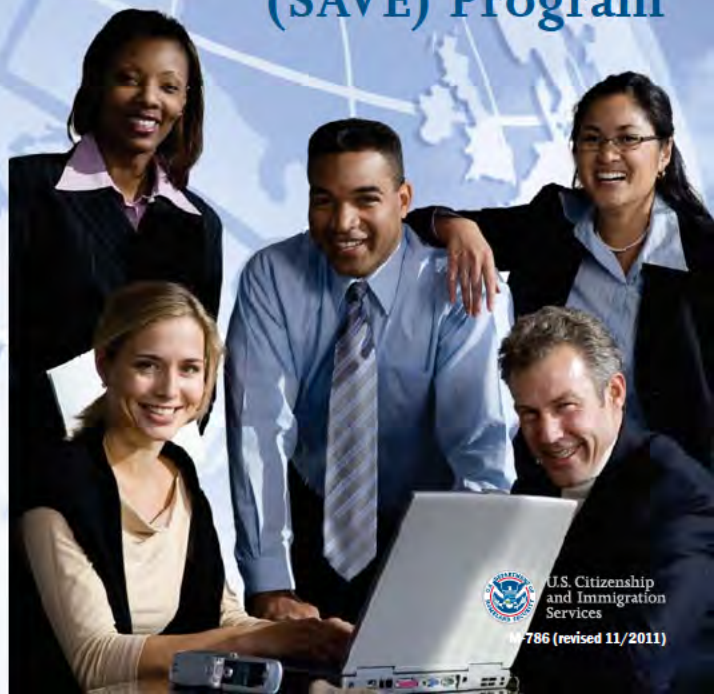

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WHAT IS THE SAVE PROGRAM?

- The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program is an inter-governmental initiative that aids benefit-granting agencies in determining an applicant's immigration status and thereby ensures that only entitled applicants receive federal, state or local public benefits and licenses. The program is an information service for benefit-issuing agencies, institutions, licensing bureaus and other governmental entities.
- The SAVE Program does not make determinations on any applicant's eligibility for a specific benefit or license.
- The SAVE Program can verify:
  - Nonimmigrant Status
  - Immigrant Status
  - U.S. Citizenship for Naturalized Citizens
  - U.S. Citizenship for Derived Citizens

HOW DOES SAVE WORK?

- The SAVE Program uses two methods, electronic and paper, for accessing information to verify an applicant's status when requesting public benefits.
- The SAVE Program uses an online system that checks a benefit applicant's immigration status information against millions of Department of Homeland Security database records.
- Agencies that do not have access to an automated system may submit a paper verification request by using Form G-845, Document Verification Request.

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

AN AGENCY IS ELIGIBLE IF

The agency is a federal, state or local government agency or licensing bureau.

AND

The agency provides a public benefit, license or activity authorized by law for which the verification of immigration status is appropriate.

WHAT LEGISLATION GOVERNS THE USE OF SAVE?

- Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986
- Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
- The Real ID Act of 2005

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WHAT ARE COMMON TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE USED TO VERIFY IMMIGRATION STATUS?

- I-327 (Reentry Permit)
- I-551 (Permanent Resident Card)
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card)
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Naturalization Certificate
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language)
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94)
- I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)
- I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status)
- DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status)