Generally, the verification process can take up to three steps:

1. Initial Verification – *Processing time: Within seconds*
An estimated 90% of all SAVE cases are verified at this step.

To conduct a SAVE verification, the user must select the benefit the applicant is seeking and provide their:

- Numeric identifier (A-Number, SEVIS ID number, unexpired foreign passport number or I-94 Number);
- First and last name; and
- Date of birth

SAVE returns a response providing the applicant's "Current Status" or prompts the user to "Institute Additional Verification" (IAV) if SAVE needs additional information to process the case.

2. Institute Additional Verification (IAV) – *Processing time: 3-5 days*
More than 60% of IAV cases are verified without needing to go to the third step.

The user must provide the information requested and has the option to scan and upload copies of the applicant's documents.

3. Third Step – *Processing time 3-5 days*
If SAVE needs to review a copy of the applicant's immigration document to issue a verification response, they request a third-level review. Users must Scan and Upload the document to SAVE electronically.

Things to remember:

- SAVE is not a source system database.
- SAVE provides point-in-time information that could change.
- SAVE has minimum requirements to successfully verify documents.
- Users should enter information from the applicant's most recently-issued immigration document.
- Benefit applicants can follow the progress of their case online through **SAVE CaseCheck** at uscis.gov/save/casecheck.