

USCIS Announces Redesign of E-Verify Program

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On June 13, 2010, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will launch a redesigned E-Verify program that will contain enhancements to the system's usability, security, accuracy, and efficiency. According to USCIS, users' existing IDs and passwords will not change. However, upon logging in for the first time after the update, users will be required to complete a one-time 20-minute tutorial. Users will not be able to use the system to verify the employment eligibility of a new hire until the tutorial has been completed.

Employers that use a designated agent should check with their designated agent to see whether these changes will be reflected immediately in the interface that the designated agent provides to the employer. Designated agents are not required to implement this new version of E-Verify immediately. Employers that use a designated agent will not be required to take the new tutorial. Rather, they should contact their designated agent to obtain any required training or informational material.

What Is E-Verify?

E-Verify is a web-based program operated by USCIS in partnership with the Social Security Administration. E-Verify aids employers in determining the employment eligibility of new hires by comparing information provided by the new employee on Form I-9 with database records.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update you with any new information. For more information, or if you have any questions regarding the issues discussed in this Immigration Alert, please contact any of the following attorneys:

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