



U.S. Citizenship and
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New USCIS Form Streamlines Process to Obtain a Work Authorization Document and Social Security Number Simultaneously

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WASHINGTON - Based on a new information-sharing partnership between U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA), foreign nationals in certain categories or classifications can now apply for work authorization and a social security number using a single form - the updated [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#).

To lawfully work in the United States, foreign workers in some categories and classifications need both an employment authorization document (EAD) from USCIS, and a Social Security number (SSN) from the SSA. Previously, applicants needed to submit a Form I-765 to USCIS for an EAD, and then submit additional paperwork in-person at their local Social Security office to obtain an SSN.

The revised USCIS form includes additional questions that allow applicants to apply for an SSN or replacement card without visiting a Social Security office. Starting today, USCIS will transmit the additional data collected on the form to the SSA for processing. Moving forward, applicants who receive their approved EADs from USCIS should receive their Social Security card from SSA within the following two weeks.

EADs serve as documentation to show employers that an individual is authorized to work in the U.S. for a specific time period. SSNs are used to report wages to the government, and to determine an individual's eligibility for certain benefits. USCIS encourages all U.S. employers to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires through [E-Verify](#).

For additional information on applying for employment authorization, visit USCIS' [EAD](#) page or call the [USCIS National Customer Service Center](#).

For more information on applying for a [Social Security](#) card, see this [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#).

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