

**VERIFICATION
DIVISION**



U.S. Citizenship
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Services

The SAVE Program

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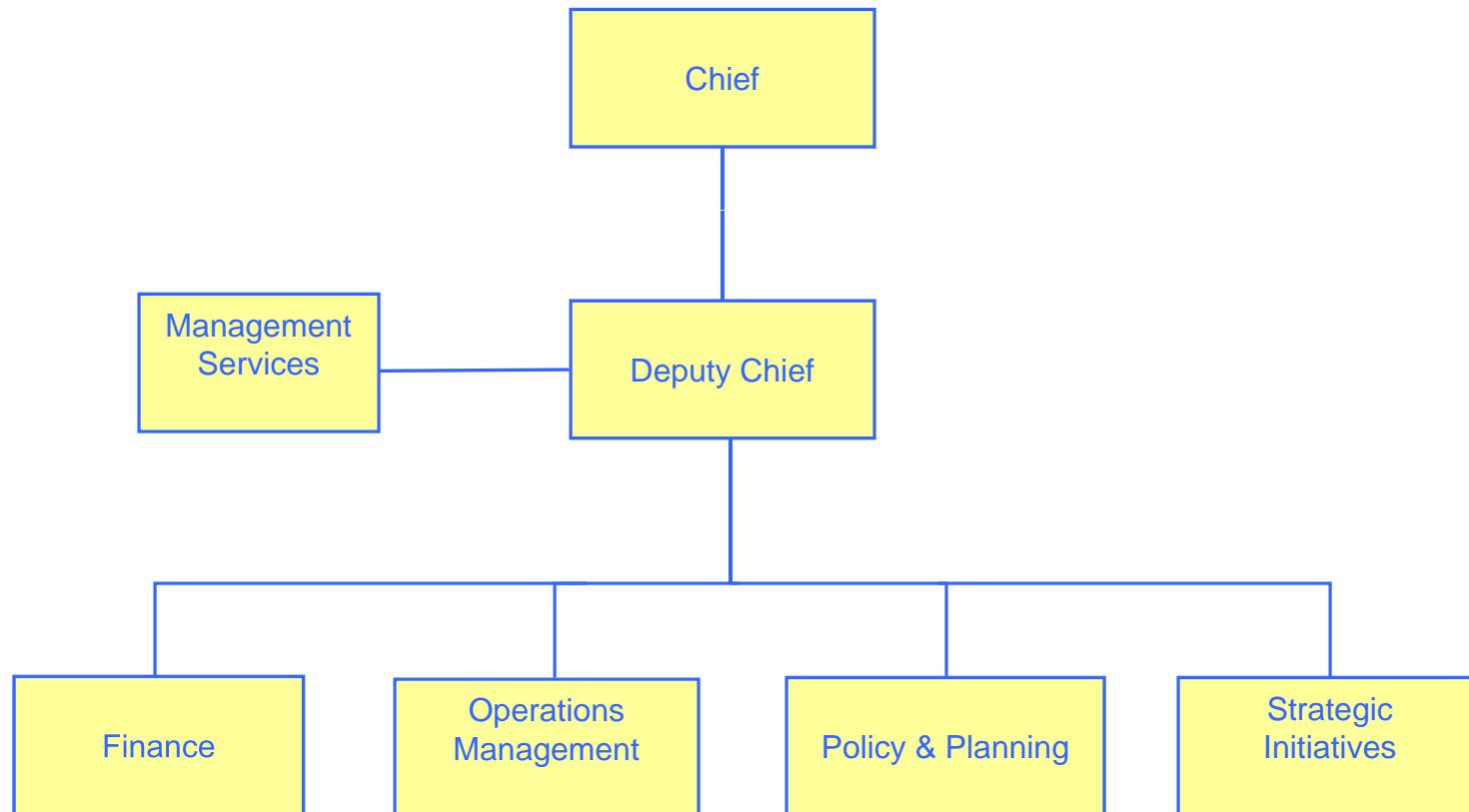
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The SAVE Program

- The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program is an inter-governmental initiative designed to aid benefit-granting agencies in determining an applicant's immigration status, and thereby ensure 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 Organization



Agencies who use SAVE

- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMVs)
- Department of Education (DOE)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)

The Verification Information System (VIS)

- The SAVE Program offers an effective and secure method of verification through the Verification Information System (VIS)
- VIS is an online system which executes immigration status queries against a range of data sources
- Using VIS, SAVE checks an applicant's data against millions of Department of Homeland Security database records

Access Methods

- SAVE provides an agency with the appropriate access methods to the Verification Information System based upon the agency's needs
- Web-based Access – Provides secure Internet access to the system using a web browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape
- Web Services – A type of interface designed to support a machine-to-machine interface over a network, such as the Internet
- SAVE via AAMVAnet (aka VLS) – A new access method that enables state DMVs to verify immigration status through AAMVAnet's single point of entry

The Verification Process

Step	Description	System Response	General Response Time
Initial Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency submits query electronically based upon document information provided by applicant. System response provides applicant's immigration status or prompts agency to "Institute Additional Verification." 	Electronic	3-5 seconds
Additional/2nd Step Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional information on the applicant is provided by the agency and submitted electronically. System response provides applicant's immigration status or prompts agency to "Resubmit with Docs." 	Electronic	3-5 federal working days
3rd Step Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency submits electronic request which generates a pre-populated G-845 Form, Document Verification Request. Agency prints form, mails photocopies of the applicant's immigration documentation with Form G-845, Document Verification Request to appropriate Status Verification Office. 	Electronic	10-20 federal working days

AAMVAnet and REAL ID

- Allows DMVs access to Verification Information System (VIS) via AAMVAnet by integrating SAVE processes in each jurisdiction's driver's license and identification card application process
- The Real ID Act of 2005 established certain minimum standards for state-issued drivers' licenses and state-issued identification cards in order for those documents to be acceptable for official federal purposes
- To meet these requirements, states must use the SAVE Program to verify immigration status of applicant's for drivers' licenses and identification cards
- DHS offered extensions through December 31, 2009. The SAVE Program provides a solution for the states to meet compliance benchmarks

DMVs that are registered with SAVE

Alabama	Idaho	New Jersey	Virginia
Arizona	Illinois	New York	Wisconsin
Arkansas	Indiana	North Carolina	Wyoming
California	Maryland	North Dakota	
Colorado	Michigan	Oregon	
Delaware	Mississippi	Pennsylvania	
District of Columbia	Missouri	South Carolina	
Florida	Nebraska	South Dakota	
Georgia	Nevada	Vermont	

**Over 1.8 million queries run by DMVs in FY 2009 (as of 08/19/09)

DMVs that are not registered with SAVE

Alaska

Connecticut

Hawaii

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Massachusetts

Minnesota

Montana

New Hampshire

New Mexico

Ohio

Oklahoma

Rhode Island

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Washington

West Virginia

American Samoa

Guam

Northern Marianas

Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands

Registration Process

- To sign up for SAVE, visit our website at www.uscis.gov/save and click on “Sign Up for SAVE Program”
 - Registration is a three-step process:
 - Step 1 – Sign Up
 - Step 2 – Review and Sign Agreements
 - Step 3 – Obtain Access
- * Please allow 3 weeks for the registration process

Transaction Charges

- Agencies that access the SAVE Program are charged per transaction

Automated System Verification Requests

- Initial Verification: \$0.50
- Retry (optional): \$0.50
- Additional Verification: \$0.50
 - Third Step Verification: No Charge

Paper-based Requests

- Form G-845, Document Verification Request: \$2.00

SAVE Program Hot Topics

- Compliance can be obtained through SAVE’s standard access methods, regardless of whether you are involved in the VLS pilot process
- SAVE also supports various business processes – DMVs employ access to SAVE databases in various ways: Web Services, AAMVAnet and Web-3
- SAVE will provide training and expertise directly to the states as needed. Webinar and site visits are available as required and can include any business process discussions around SAVE/VLS or work with AAMVA
- SAVE’s three step process is the best way to utilize the program – 56 unique processes create training and administrative challenge at the Program level
- SAVE is increasing internal resources dedicated to support VLS and state-to-state activities
- Profile based system (PBS)/VLS II – we are soliciting feedback on system improvements
- Indiana was successfully certified and is implementing the SAVE Via AAMVAnet (VLS) pilot with Nevada. Other states are preparing to join the pilot

SAVE Training

The SAVE Program offers training to prospective, new and current users through the use of **webinars**, as well as **customized training** to meet your agency's specific needs. Webinar training is available upon request and typically lasts one hour.

Training topics include:

- Overview of SAVE
- Verification process and access methods
- Live demonstration of the electronic verification process
- Question and answer session

To make arrangements for training, please contact us at 1-888-464-4218 or via e-mail at SAVE.help@dhs.gov. Provide your agency's name, telephone number, and e-mail address

Contact Information

- USCIS Information Services: (888) 464-4218
- G-845 Status Questions Tier II: (877) 469-2563
- Technical Assistance: (800) 741-5023

- SAVE Program E-mail: SAVE.help@dhs.gov
- SAVE Registration E-mail: SAVEregistration@dhs.gov
- SAVE Website: www.uscis.gov/SAVE



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