

VLS

Verification of Lawful Status

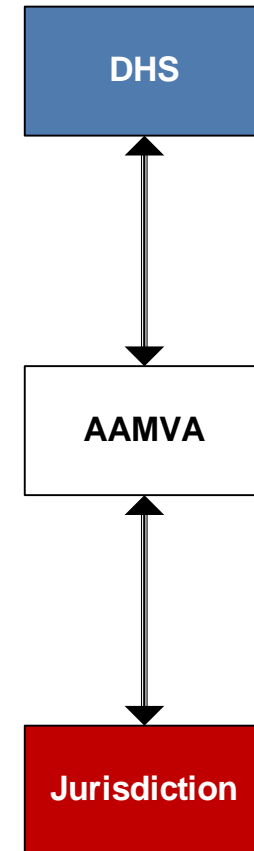
Why Check Immigration Docs?



- Detect fraudulent use of documents
- Satisfy requirements of REAL ID

VLS Background

- Electronic application allowing jurisdiction access to the USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program via AAMVAnet.
- VLS was developed in 2008 using DHS funding for REAL ID.
- Four Jurisdiction Access Options –
 - **VLS – AMIE**
 - **VLS – AAMVA Web Services**
 - DHS Web 3
 - DHS Web Services
- Jurisdictions may use more than one option.
Example: VLS-AMIE for Step 1 and DHS Web 3 for Steps 2 and 3.



- VLS - AMIE
 - Easy to implement in jurisdiction's existing environments.
 - Integrate using UNI, a familiar interface with message management tools like logging
- VLS – Web Services
 - Easy to implement in the jurisdictions UNIX or Windows environment
 - Better support for digital files (photos & G-845)
 - Electronic upload of G-845 and source documents

Releases and Sunset Dates

| AAMVA VLS Release | DHS VIS Release | Date Available | Sunset Date |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.2 AMIE | v31.2 r3 | 12/1/2010 | 6/8/2017 |
| 2.0 & 2.1 - AMIE & Web-Services | v31.3 r3 | 11/1/2011 | 1/7/2018 |
| 3.0 AMIE & Web-Services - Step 1 | v35 r13 | 6/8/2015 | TBD |
| 3.0 AMIE & Web-Services - All Steps | | 2/4/2016 | TBD |
| 3.1 - AMIE & Web-Services | V36 r19 | TBD | TBD |

Nebraska is the first state to implement VLS 3.0

VLS 3.0 Enhancements

1. Additional data elements added to the exchanges, including:
 - a) Passport Country of Issuance
 - b) User Contact data
2. Confirmation of Photo Match process - added
3. Upload images of G-845 and source documents.
(Paper photo copies being replaced by electronic image files).

VLS 3.1 Enhancements

1. "Queuing" introduced to mitigate impact of SAVE system components being unavailable.
2. Duplicate Case Check Transaction
3. Additional Eligibility Codes

VLS Fees

Effective September 30, 2015 Grant Implementation Funds Expired.

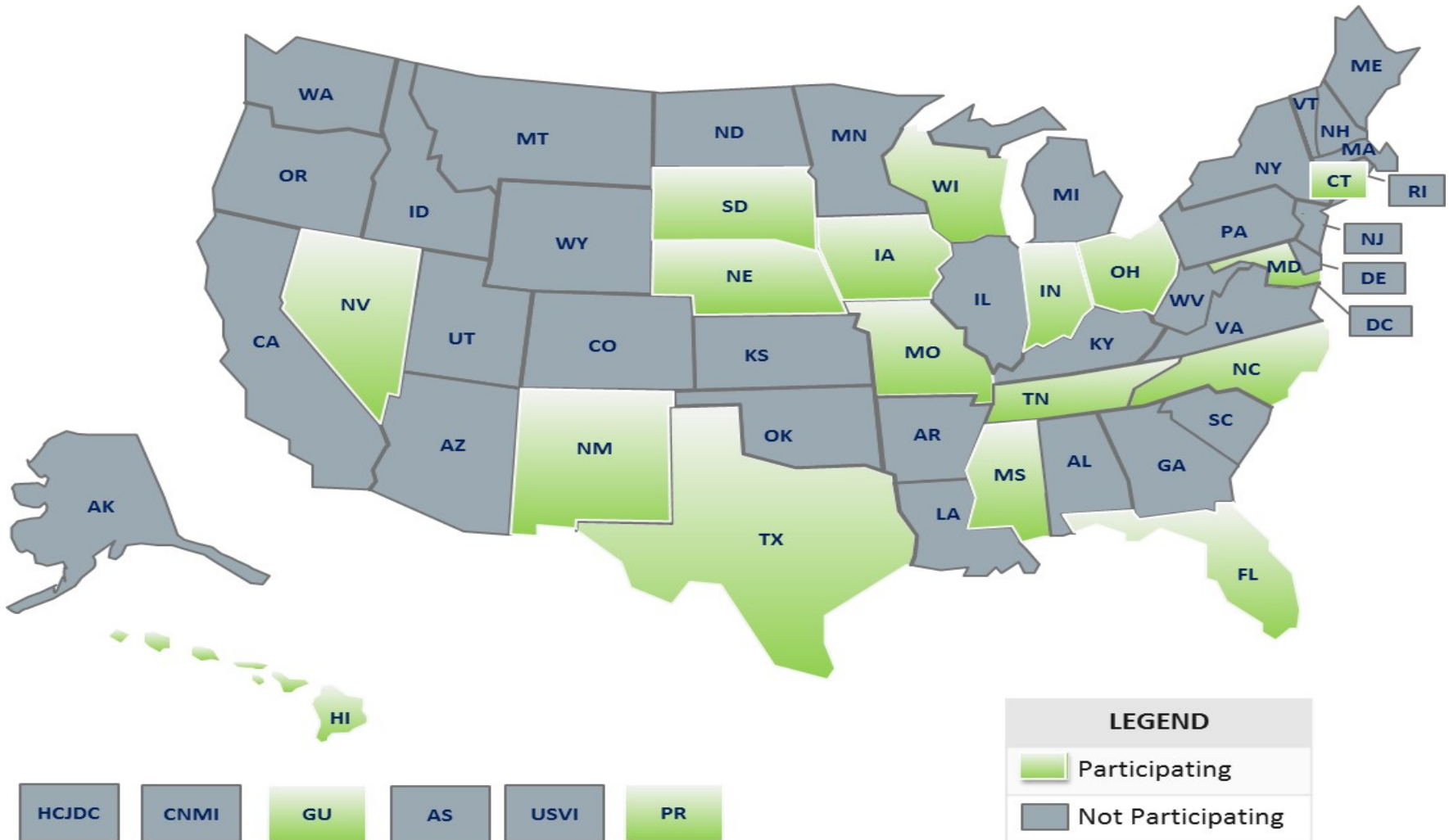
Effective October 1, 2015: Jurisdiction Fee set at 30 cents per successful Step 1 transaction. No Fees charged for Steps 2 & 3.

Transaction Fee Structure provides AAMVA ongoing O&M Costs, Future Enhancements, and USPVS Platform Technology Refresh.

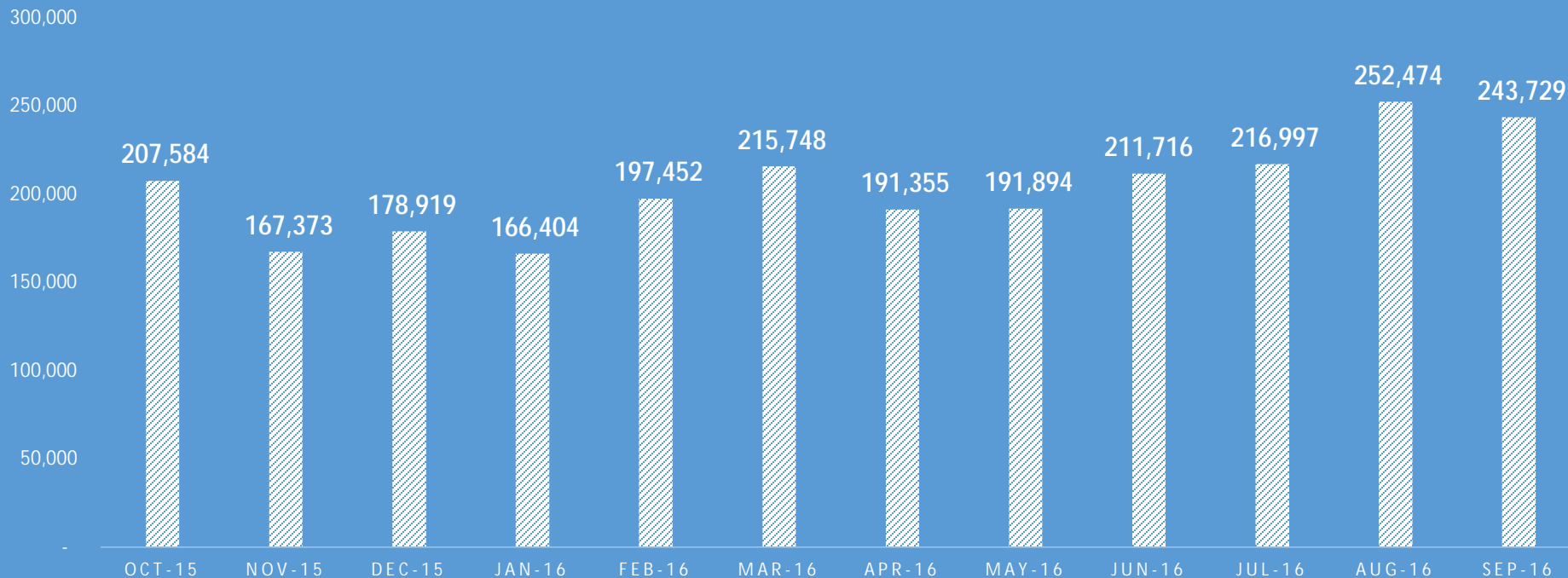
VLS Fee is in addition to the SAVE fees charged by USCIS to the Jurisdiction.

- **Benefits**
 - Ø Improved efficiency, consistency and controls in handling non-US citizen customers
 - Ø Proven to be a cost effective solution
 - Ø Provides investigative division visibility into the issuance practices of field examiners
 - Ø Reduce reliance on authenticity of customer provided documents
 - Ø SAVE provides frequent training opportunities and notices of situations to be aware of

VLS Participants



MONTHLY TREND OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS
 (OCTOBER 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2016)



Note: 17 VLS states participating in Production

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