



# Information About the Customer Identity Verification Program and the Secondary Inspections Tool

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## What Is the Purpose of This Tool?

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is implementing the Customer Identity Verification program by using the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program's Secondary Inspections Tool to verify our customer's identity. The Secondary Inspections Tool processes, retrieves, and displays biometric and biographic data from the Department of Homeland Security's fingerprint identity system, the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT). USCIS trained staff in USCIS District or Field Offices will use the Secondary Inspections Tool to verify your identity at the time of an interview in connection with an immigration or naturalization benefit request, or when you appear at a USCIS District or Field Office to receive a document evidencing an immigration benefit.

## How Does Use of This Tool Affect Me?

You will be asked to place your left and right index fingers on the fingerprint scanner where they will be scanned electronically. You will also have your picture taken electronically. Photographs and fingerprints will be sent to IDENT where they are compared with your photograph and fingerprints on file.

USCIS will use the Secondary Inspections Tool and IDENT to verify your identity and determine if there are any other known identities or A-Numbers associated with you. USCIS will also use this tool to see if there are any watch list warnings or warrants from the FBI or Department of State, or immigration offenses.

This is the same information and process that was used as if you entered the United States through a port of entry and were processed through US-VISIT.

## USCIS Privacy Act Statement

**AUTHORITIES:** 8 CFR 103.2(b)(9) and(e) authorize USCIS to collect the requested biometric information for use in the Customer Identity Verification system.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing your biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) to USCIS is to verify your identity and other information relevant to determining if you are eligible for the immigration benefit you seek.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your request.

**ROUTINE USES:** The information you provide may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records and DHS/USVISIT-001 - DHS Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT)] which can be found at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). The information may also be made available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

## Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 5 minutes per response, including the time for receiving instructions and providing required biometric data. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2020. OMB No. 1615-NEW. **Do not mail completed petitions or applications to this address.**