

**TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS**  
**I-864A - Instructions for Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member**  
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Pages 2-3, General Instructions	<p>[page 2]</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Filing Fee.</b> There is no filing fee to file Form I-864A with USCIS. For information on processing fees when filing with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), see <a href="http://www.travel.state.gov">www.travel.state.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Evidence.</b> At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the <b>Specific Instructions</b> and/or <b>What Evidence Must You Submit</b> sections of these Instructions.</p> <p><b>Biometric Services Appointment.</b> USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application, petition, or request. After USCIS receives your contract and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS</p>	<p>[page 2]</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Filing Fee.</b> There is no filing fee to file Form I-864A with USCIS. <b>A biometric services fee of \$85 is required for the household member.</b> For information on processing fees when filing with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), see <a href="http://www.travel.state.gov">www.travel.state.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Evidence.</b> At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the <b>Specific Instructions</b> and/or <b>What Evidence Must You Submit</b> sections of these Instructions.</p> <p><b>Biometric Services Appointment.</b> <b>Every individual who is an applicant, petitioner, derivative, beneficiary, or sponsor of an immigration benefit request or other request submitted to USCIS is required to submit biometrics unless USCIS waives or exempts the requirement. You will be notified of the time and place of your appointment if you must appear and you will be provided requirements for rescheduling if necessary. If you fail to submit any biometrics as required, USCIS may deny your application, petition, or request.</b></p> <p><b>DHS may store the biometrics submitted by an individual and use or reuse biometrics to</b></p>

	<p>Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.</p> <p>If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You provided or authorized all information in the contract;</li> <li>2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your contract; and</li> </ol> <p><b>[page 3]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.</li> </ol> <p><b>Copies.</b> You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), verify identity, produce documents, determine eligibility for immigration and naturalization benefits, or to perform any other functions necessary for administering and enforcing immigration and naturalization laws, and any other law within DHS authority.</b></p> <p>If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You provided or authorized all information in the affidavit;</li> <li>2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your affidavit; and</li> <li>3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.</li> </ol> <p><b>Copies.</b> You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>Page 3, Specific Instructions</b></p>	<p><b>[page 3]</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Item Number 8. USCIS Online Account Number</b> (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and</p>	<p><b>[page 3]</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Item Number 8. USCIS Online Account Number</b> (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and</p>

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<p><b>Page 8, Processing Information</b></p>	<p><b>[page 8]</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Requests for Interview.</b> We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your contract. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p>	<p><b>[page 8]</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Requests for Interview.</b> We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your contract. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your <b>biometrics</b> to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p>

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**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this contract, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act section 213A.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this contract is to show that the applying immigrant has adequate means of financial support without concern of becoming reliant on the U.S. Government for financial support. DHS will use the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your contract. INA section 213A(i) requires the collection of your Social Security number. Failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may prevent USCIS from accepting and approving this contract, and the intending immigrant may not be able to immigrate to the United States.

**ROUTINE USES:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may share the information you provide on this contract with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. Social Security numbers may be verified with the Social Security Administration. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records] which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

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**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, **including your Social Security number (if applicable)**, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your **affidavit**.

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<p><b>Page 11, Paperwork Reduction Act Statement</b></p>	<p><b>[page 11]</b></p> <p><b>Paperwork Reduction Act</b>  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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour and 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the contract, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the contract. 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 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0075. <b>Do not mail your completed Form I-864A to this address.</b></p>	<p><b>[page 11]</b></p> <p><b>Paperwork Reduction Act</b>  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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour and 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the contract, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the contract. <b>The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 3 hours and 40 minutes.</b> 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 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0075. <b>Do not mail your completed Form I-864A to this address.</b></p>
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