



Information About the Customer Profile Management System - IDENTITY Verification Tool (CPMS-IVT)

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What Is the Purpose of This Tool?

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) uses the Customer Profile Management System - IDENTITY Verification Tool (CPMS-IVT) to verify each customer's identity. CPMS-IVT processes, retrieves, and displays biometric and biographic data from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) fingerprint identity system, the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT). USCIS-trained staff in USCIS district or field offices will use CPMS-IVT to verify your identity when you appear for a naturalization or immigration benefit interview, or when you appear at a USCIS district or field office to receive a USCIS-issued 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. Your photograph and fingerprints will then be sent to IDENT where they are compared with your photograph and fingerprints on file.

USCIS will use CPMS-IVT 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 you have any immigration offenses or watch list warnings or warrants from the FBI or Department of State.

This is the same information and process that DHS uses when you enter the United States through a port of entry and are processed through IDENT.

USCIS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The information requested for use by the CPMS-IVT is collected under 8 CFR 103.2(b)(9) and (e).

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 are seeking. DHS uses 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, including your Social Security Number, if applicable, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in the denial of your immigration benefit.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide through CPMS-IVT with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-002 - Background Check Service and DHS/USCIS-003 - Biometric Storage System] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-060 Customer Profile Management Service] which you can find at 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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