MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM (SAVE)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM

If you are not a citizen of the United States and you are filing a claim for unemployment insurance benefits, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) must verify that you are legally authorized to work in the United States. This is required by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Your legal authorization to work will be verified through a computer match with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The information received from the USCIS may affect your eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

You may be asked to provide a copy of the papers that establish your authorization to work.

These papers may include a Resident Alien Card, Permanent Resident Card, I-94 document or any other information that you believe makes it possible for you to work in the United States.

You are not required to provide this information. However, if you choose not to prove to DUA that you are legally authorized to work, DUA will not be able to pay you unemployment benefits, even if you meet all other eligibility requirements.

You should also know that the USCIS may take action on any papers that they determine to be false or altered for criminal purposes. This includes any paperwork used to falsify eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

If you have any questions about this requirement, or about the results of the verification of your eligibility, please contact the DUA Unemployment Insurance TeleClaim Center:

Call the TeleClaim Center at 1-877-626-6800 if you are calling from the following area codes: 351, 413, 508, 774, and 978.

Call the TeleClaim Center at 617-626-6800 if you are calling from any other area code.

If you need additional information on your rights, or need legal assistance, please contact one of the organizations listed on the other side of this information sheet.

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DIRECTORY OF FREE OR LOW-COST IMMIGRATION/LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

Agency	Service Area	Phone
Chinese-American Civic Association	Greater Boston	617-426-9492
Greater Boston Legal Services	Greater Boston	617-371-1270
Volunteer Lawyers Project	Greater Boston	617-423-0648
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Somerville	617-628-6065
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Cambridge	617-864-7600
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Allston	617-787-0557
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Lowell	978-970-1250
Merrimack Valley Legal Services	Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill	978-687-1177
Southeastern Massachusetts Legal Assistance	New Bedford Area	800-929-9721
The New Center for Legal Advocacy	New Bedford Area	508-586-8393
Legal Services for Cape Cod & Islands	Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket, Lower Plymouth County	800-742-4107
SER-JOBS for Progress	Fall River	508-676-1916
Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts	Worcester, Southern Worcester County	508-752-3718
South Middlesex Legal Services	Southern Middlesex, Western Norfolk	508-620-1830
Western Massachusetts Legal Services	Hampshire County	413-584-4034
Western Massachusetts Legal Services	Berkshire County	413-499-1950
Western Massachusetts Legal Services	Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee County	413-781-7814
Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigrants	Statewide	617-727-7888
Catholic Charities Bureau, Refugee & Immigration Services	Boston	617-629-5767
Greater Boston Legal Services	Boston	617-371-1231
Haitian Multi Service Center	Boston	617-436-2848
International Institute of Boston, Immigration Legal Dept.	Boston	617-695-9990
Legal Services Center	Boston	617-522-3003
Cambridge Haitian Services	Cambridge	617-349-6351
Centro Presente	Cambridge	617-497-9080
International Institute of Lowell	Lowell	978-459-9031
Neighborhood Legal Services	Lynn	888-657-2889
Child and Family West Springfield Counseling Center	West Springfield	413-737-4718
Catholic Charities	Worcester	508-798-0191

The following are referral services for immigration and other legal issues:

National Lawyers Guild Referral Service	617-227-7008
Boston Bar Association Referral Service	617-742-0625
Legal Advocacy & Resource Center	617-742-9179