



# MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

## SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM (SAVE)

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### 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<br>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<br>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 |
| <b>The following are referral services for immigration and other legal issues:</b> |                                                         |              |
| National Lawyers Guild Referral Service                                            |                                                         | 617-227-7008 |
| Boston Bar Association Referral Service                                            |                                                         | 617-742-0625 |
| Legal Advocacy & Resource Center                                                   |                                                         | 617-742-9179 |