New Form I-9 - Employment Eligibility Verification

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At long last, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has finally issued the **revised** Employment Eligibility Verification form (Form I-9)! Remember, all employers must complete a new Form I-9 whenever they onboard a new employee, within three (3) business days of hire.

To learn more about the new Form I-9, you can view the USCIS's news release by clicking here. Some of the more important changes you should be aware of are:

Employers <u>must</u> begin using the revised form <u>exclusively</u> by <u>January 22</u>, <u>2017</u>. Until then, employers *can* use the current version Form I-9 dated 03/08/2013 N, but why wait? Start using the new Form I-9 dated 11/14/2016 N now!

While the substance of the new Form I-9 essentially remains the same as the prior version, there are a few exceptions: there is a new Preparer and/or Translator Certification box in section 1; and there is an "Additional Information" box in section 2 to add information such as employment authorization extensions for individuals eligible for Temporary Protected Status, information related to F-1 OPT STEM students, and CAP-GAP employees (for more on this, refer to the Form I-9 Instructions).

Again, employers must complete new Form I-9 for all newly hired employees to verify their identity and authorization to work in the U.S. To learn more about Form I-9 visit I-9 Central.