

Verification of Lawful Presence Within United States

(O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1)

The Georgia Department of Agriculture is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 to verify citizenship/immigration status for all public benefits issued. All public benefits are defined in the law as certifications, licenses, registrations, state grant, etc. All new and renewal licenses are required to complete a notarized affidavit **and provide one form of acceptable documentation** as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. The department will implement this change online no later than July 1, 2013. As directed by law, GDA will utilize the Federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

A notarized affidavit and one form of acceptable Secure and Verifiable documentation is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. Secure and Verifiable documents will only need to be submitted one time. Companies will only have to resubmit when their respected ownership changes.

Where can I get my affidavit notarized?

- Contact your local town or city hall.
- Visit an official court near your location.
- Check your banking or financial institution.
- Research your local notary options online.
- Contact your insurance company to determine if it has a notary you can use.

What documents are acceptable for the Secure & Verification (S&V) process?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Passport• U.S. Military I.D• Driver's License<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. State• District of Columbia• Puerto Rico• Guam• Northern Marianas Islands• Virgin Islands• American Samoa• Swain Islands• Tribal Identification<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Federally Recognized Native American tribe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Resident Card<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Green Card• Employment Authorization Document<ul style="list-style-type: none">– VISA• Passport Issued by a Foreign Government• Merchant Mariner Document<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Coast Guard• Canadian Driver's License• Certificate of Citizenship<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration Services• Birth Certificate<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Dept. of State |
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Additional information regarding O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 can be found at:

Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE Program) - <http://www.uscis.gov/>

Georgia Attorney General Office - <http://law.ga.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Agriculture - <http://agr.georgia.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Audits and Accounts - <http://www.audits.ga.gov/>

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404-586-1411 or toll free 855-4-AG-LICENSE (855-424-5423)
You can also send an email to gdalicensing@agr.georgia.gov**