

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. Public benefits are defined in the law as certifications, licenses, registrations, state grant, etc. All new 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. 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 (S&V) documentation is required by § 50-36-1. Companies will have to resubmit S&V documentation 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 or Identification Card<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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According to the GA Dept of Driver's Services, the limited term driver's licenses cannot be used to verify lawful status in the United States (see their website at <https://dds.georgia.gov/partners/limited-term-dlids>). SAVE will be used to verify the immigration status/legal residency with additional information. Individuals must provide other documentation in addition to, or in place of the limited term driver's license. For SAVE verification, the applicant's Full Name, Date of Birth along with one of the following must be provided:

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| ➤ Alien Number | ➤ Naturalization/Citizenship Number |
| ➤ SEVIS Number | ➤ Permanent Resident Card Number |
| ➤ I-94 Number | ➤ Visa Number |
| ➤ Passport Number | |

Additional information regarding O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 and the SAVE program can be found at:
United States Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE Program) -

<http://www.uscis.gov/save>

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

**For assistance, call the Customer Service Center at
404-586-1411 or toll free 855-4-AG-LICENSE (855-424-5423)
You can also send an email to gdalicensing@agr.georgia.gov**