



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Launches Spanish-Language Version of E-Verify Self Check

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Online Service Also Expands to 16 Additional States

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced that Self Check, a free online service of E-Verify that allows workers to check their own employment eligibility status, is now available in Spanish and accessible to residents in 16 additional states: California, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Washington. Today's announcement expands on the initial launch of Self Check in March 2011 for residents who reside in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"Self Check equips workers with fast, secure access to their employment eligibility information before they apply for jobs," said USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas. "By offering Self Check to Spanish speakers and making the service more widely available, USCIS makes good on a promise to streamline and protect the integrity of the E-Verify process for employees and employers alike."

Self Check is the first online service offered directly to U.S. workers by E-Verify, a Department of Homeland Security program administered by USCIS in partnership with the Social Security Administration. Employers use the Internet-based E-Verify service to determine employees' eligibility to work in the United States through information reported in the employee's Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification).

When workers over the age of 16 use Self Check to confirm their eligibility to work in the United States, they enter the same information that employers would enter into E-Verify. Self Check allows users to compare their information to the same databases that E-Verify accesses, giving them an opportunity to address any existing data mismatches before they are hired by an E-Verify-participating employer.

USCIS will continue to evaluate and improve the Self Check service, which it intends to expand nationwide by spring 2012.

For more information on Self Check, please visit www.uscis.gov/selfcheck. For more information on USCIS and its programs, please visit www.uscis.gov to receive email updates or follow us on Twitter ([@uscis](https://twitter.com/uscis)), YouTube ([/uscis](https://www.youtube.com/uscis)) and the USCIS blog [The Beacon](http://www.uscis.gov/thebeacon).



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Introduction

[Self Check](#), a free online service of E-Verify that allows workers to check their own employment eligibility status, is now available [in Spanish](#) and accessible to residents in 16 additional states: California, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Washington. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [launched Self Check in March 2011](#) for residents who reside in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Background

Self Check is an innovative service that allows individuals in the United States to check their employment eligibility status before formally seeking employment. E-Verify Self Check is the first online E-Verify program offered directly to workers and job seekers. This voluntary, free, fast and secure service was developed through a partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration.

[E-Verify](#) is an Internet-based system that enables an employer to determine the eligibility of an employee to work in the United States by using information reported on an employee's Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification).

To use Self Check, workers over the age of 16 enter the same information that employers would enter into E-Verify. Self Check allows workers to compare their information to the same databases E-Verify accesses.

Self Check in Spanish and the Addition of States

USCIS now offers Self Check in Spanish, making the tool accessible to a large sector of the U.S. workforce that reads Spanish.

Self Check is available to individuals who maintain addresses in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota,

Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

Additional Self Check Enhancements

Since launching the service in March 2011, USCIS has made the following enhancements to Self Check:

- ¿ Providing more information to users via the online Self Check Questions and Answers; and
- ¿ Enhancing Self Check to provide users with the best possible customer experience.

These enhancements include:

- Improving the guidance available to users who either receive notice of a possible mismatch in their records or are unable to complete a Self Check query;
- Adding information relating to the current availability of Self Check;
- Modifying the customer contact phone line to help ensure callers are reaching the right personnel; and
- Augmenting security protections to further guard against potential malicious activity.

Self Check Usage

Since the launch of Self Check in March 2011, more than 18,000 individuals in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have used it to verify their employment authorization status.

For more information about E-Verify, please visit www.uscis.gov/everify. For more information on Self Check, visit www.uscis.gov/selfcheck or call the E-Verify Employee Hotline at 1-888-897-7781.

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