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The Department of Homeland Security has withdrawn a [proposed rule](#) that would have expanded department authorities and requirements for collecting biometrics by removing age restrictions; requiring submission of biometrics for every applicant, petitioner, sponsor, beneficiary, or other individual filing for or associated with any immigration or naturalization benefit or request unless DHS waives or exempts the biometrics requirement; codifying the authority to use DNA test results; and authorizing the use of additional types of biometric modalities.

DHS announced its decision to withdraw the proposed rule, originally published on Sept. 11, 2020, in a [Federal Register notice](#). The withdrawal is consistent with the Executive Order 14012, [Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans](#), and additional administration priorities to reduce barriers and undue burdens in the immigration system.

DHS will continue to require submission of biometrics where appropriate and remains committed to national security, identity management, fraud prevention and program integrity.

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