

WYOMING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE

Federal Requirement for Licensing Boards to Establish Lawful Presence of Licensees

In August of 1996, the U.S. Congress passed legislation, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, restricting welfare and public benefits for aliens. The intent of the new law is to ensure that articulated public benefits, both state and federal, are granted only to persons who are lawfully present in the U.S.

The law identifies what constitutes a state public benefit for the purposes of this Act. Specifically, 8 U.S.C.A. § 1621 (c)(1)(A) describes a state or local public benefit as "any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of a State or local government or by appropriated funds of a State or local government." Therefore, professional licensing boards in Wyoming are required by this federal law to verify the "lawful presence" of persons applying for new licenses or license renewals. This verification of lawful presence need only be accomplished one time for each licensee. A new license applicant will not have to again prove lawful presence at subsequent renewals, nor will a licensee who first shows proof of lawful presence in a renewal application have to show this proof at subsequent renewals.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) has developed a list of documentation which is acceptable as proof of lawful presence. This list is included on the reverse side of this form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box/Street and Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP+4 Code ( ) Phone

By signing below, I hereby certify that I am (please check one):

- A citizen of the United States.
- A non-citizen national of the United States.
- A lawful permanent resident (Alien #) \_\_\_\_\_.
- An alien authorized to work (Alien # or Admission #) \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_  
(expiration date, if applicable - mm/dd/yy)

I have also attached acceptable documentation (as defined on the reverse side) as proof of my lawful presence in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENT(S) VERIFIED: (Board Use Only)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDE ONE DOCUMENT FROM LIST A:**

**LIST A  
DOCUMENTS THAT ESTABLISH BOTH IDENTITY AND EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa
4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)
5. In the case of a non-immigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer incident to status, a foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien's non-immigrant status, as long as the period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form
6. Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating non-immigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI

**OR**

**ONE DOCUMENT FROM LIST B & ONE DOCUMENT FROM LIST C:**

**LIST B  
Documents that Establish Identity**

1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
2. ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
3. School ID card with a photograph
4. Voter's registration card
5. U.S. Military card or draft record
6. Military dependent's ID card
7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
8. Native American tribal document
9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority

**LIST C  
Documents that Establish Employment Authorization**

1. Social Security Account Number card other than one that specifies on the face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States
2. Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545)
3. Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form DS-1350)
4. Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal
5. Native American tribal document
6. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
7. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
8. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security