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## **New I-9 Form Available; USCIS Delays Change in List of Acceptable Documents**

The new I-9 employment authorization verification [form](#) is now available. An updated version of the *I-9 Handbook for Employers* is also expected to be released. The new I-9 form reflects the Department of Homeland Security's amended regulations, published on December 17, 2008, governing the types of acceptable documents and receipts that employees may present to their employers for employment authorization verification. The interim final rule, among other things, requires that all documents presented during the verification process be unexpired, makes adjustments to List A documents, and makes technical updates.

However, on January 30, 2009, USCIS [announced](#) that it would delay the implementation of the interim final rule by 60 days, until April 3, 2009. The delay will provide DHS with an opportunity for further consideration of the rule and also allows the public additional time to submit comments. USCIS has reopened the public comment period for 30 days, until March 4, 2009. The interim final rule and an informational copy of the revised I-9 are available for public comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The Federal Register notice delaying implementation of the interim final rule is available [here](#).