OSC HR-Payroll and Tax Compliance Training

FORM I-9 TO PAYROLL PROCESSING

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HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM INFOTYPE 0094
WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

Creating/completing a new IT0094 (I-9 Residence Status) during an action
Maintaining IT0094 via PA30
When new IT0094 records are required
IT0048 Create Residence Status
Reverification and Monitoring of Tasks
OSC and IT0094

HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM INFOTYPE 0094 DURING HIRING ACTIONS

- Must complete this infotype when:
 - Hiring an employee into the system for the first time.
 - Reinstating an employee after period of separation (per policy).
 - Transferring an employee from another agency.
- If IT0094 is skipped when working the initial action, the user must go back via transaction PA30 and create/complete IT0094.

Reminder: It is a best practice to have all information on hand prior to processing a hiring action. Missing information can cause issues with pay.

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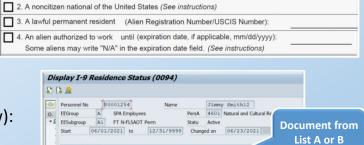
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HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM INFOTYPE 0094

Personal Identification Section

- Residence Status is a required field with 3 options. Use:
 - Citizen = #1 from I-9
 - Resident Alien = #2 or #3
 - Non-Resident Alien = #4
- ID Type (and related fields below):
 - Use information provided on I-9 from either list A or list B
 - Choose document type from dropdown selections



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HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM INFOTYPE 0094 Personal Identification Section

- Information from List C
- If something from List A was used to complete the Personal Identification Section, then this section may not need to be completed.
- Select Work Permit document type from the drop-down list and complete other fields based on the selected document.

Employment verification

Work Permt

Issuing Authority

United States

Work permt number

123-45-6789

Issuing date

Expry of WP

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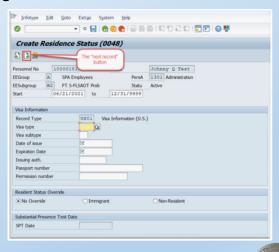
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ITOO48 CREATE RESIDENCE STATUS

- If you select Resident or Non-Resident Alien as the Residence Status on IT0094, IT0048 (Create Residence Status) will automatically come up as the next infotype in the action.
- Must complete for all Non-Resident Aliens.
- May skip by selecting the "next record" button for Resident Aliens.
- Detailed instructions included in IT0094 Job Aid coming soon.



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MAINTAINING VIA TRANSACTION PA30

- Use PA30 to create or maintain IT0094
 - If missed during hiring or transfer action
 - · For corrections
 - · For reverifications



Effective
Date Note:
Effective
date should
match your
hiring action
if creating as
part of an
actions
otherwise
use current
date.

- Either highlight or type number of infotype in direct selection.
- Select create if there is no existing IT0094 (no green check).
- Select copy if a record already exists.
 - Information from previous record will automatically populate. Be sure to make all necessary changes before saving.
- IT0048 will not pop up automatically upon save for a Non-Resident Alien so you will need to create one manually.

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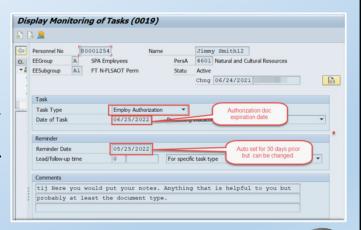
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REVERIFICATIONS & MONITORING OF TASKS

- If Non-Resident Alien (#4 on I-9)
 has been entered on IT0094 and
 an IT0048 has been created you
 will need to keep track of and
 reverify any work authorization
 that expires during employment.
- Use IT0019 Monitoring of Tasks to keep track of expiration dates.
- A new IT0094 and IT0048 are required effective the date the new documentation is received.



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HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM INFOTYPE 0094 OSC AND IT0094

- Reminder: All I-9's and supporting documents for Resident and Non-Resident Aliens must be sent via secure email or fax to Jennifer Pacheco Jennifer.Pacheco@osc.nc.gov or 919-875-3805.
- We are going to begin to monitor actions going forward and will contact agencies concerning missing/incomplete IT0094.
- We will share details once we have determined a process.

System Questions: Send an email to BEST@osc.nc.gov



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QUESTION

ENTRY/PRESENCE
IN THE UNITED STATES
PROVIDES YOU AUTHORIZATION
TO BE EMPLOYED?

YES OR NO?



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OSC TAX COMPLIANCE WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

- Why accurate entry into the HR-Payroll system is necessary
- Overview of the tax assessment process
- How <u>immigration</u> and <u>tax</u> status may impact the required tax forms your new hire is required to complete
- Understand the <u>reporting requirements</u> for federal and state taxation
- Why is this so complicated?? <u>Common errors</u> and how to be <u>successful</u>



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RECAP: EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Employment authorization

- To perform services lawfully within the U.S., a foreign individual must have the appropriate work authorization
 - ➤ INCLUDING self-employment
 - > Understand any specific restrictions of employment authorization
- Specific to the activities noted in the application to enter the U.S.
- May be attached to immigration status
 - > F-1 Students have authorization to work via
 - ❖ Form I-20 for Curricular Practical Training at a specific employer
 - Employment Authorization Document (EAD) for Optional Practical Training

In their field of Study!

- > O and P must adhere to their approved itinerary when they applied for status
- > Tourists and Business visitors do not have work authorization



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RECAP: WHOSE WHO??

- Withholding Agent [Your Agency]
 - ➤ A U.S. or foreign person that has control, receipt, custody, disposal, or payment of any item of income of a foreign person that is subject to withholding
 - > Liable for taxes owed
- Foreign National [Your Employee]
 - Owes allegiance to or who is under the protection of a country other than the United States
 - ❖ Nonresident Alien
 - Resident Alien

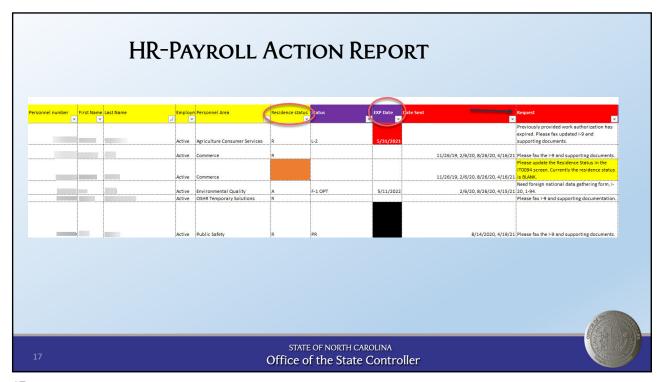
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RECAP: TRANSLATING I-9 TO SAP? **USCIS Form I-9 SAP IT0094 Residence Status** Personal identification Residence status 2. A noncitizen national of the United States (See instructions) CITIZEN ID type NON-RESIDENT ALIEN 3. A lawful permanent resident (Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number): RESIDENT ALIEN 4. An alien authorized to work -until (expiration date, if applicable, mm/dd/yyyy) Some aliens may write "N/A" in the expiration date field. (See instructions) Issuing date Aliens authorized to work must provide only one of the following document numbers to complete Form I-9: An Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number OR Form I-94 Admission Number OR Foreign Passport Number Expiry date Employment verification 1. Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number: OR Work Permit Issuing Authority 2. Form I-94 Admission Number: Work permit number Issuing date 3. Foreign Passport Number Expiry of WF • I-9 (1.) US Citizen = SAP Citizen • I-9 (2.) Noncitizen National = SAP Resident Alien • I-9 (3.) Lawful Permanent Resident = SAP Resident Alien • I-9 (4.) Alien Authorized to Work = SAP Non-Resident Alien STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Office of the State Controller



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TAX ASSESSMENTS

- Many of you have asked <u>WHY</u> is it so important for a foreign national to provide additional documents other than the I-9 documents
 - Foreign nationals have a special set of work restrictions and tax guidelines they must follow.
 - ➤ Ensure appropriate documents are received
 - ➤ Provide necessary communication to foreign nationals
 - **➤ COMPLIANCE ISSUES:**
 - ❖ Each agency is at risk of very large penalties and fines
 - ❖ Potentially jeopardizes the foreign national's visa status
 - Potentially jeopardizes agency federal funding
 - ❖I-9 Violations \$\$\$\$ per error



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TAX ASSESSMENTS: GATHERING THE FACTS

- Request completion of the Foreign National Data Gathering Form (FNDG)
 - ➤ Immigration history (required)
- Determine the Tax Status
 - ➤ Substantial Presence Test (SPT)
 - ❖ Nonresident Alien
 - * Resident Alien
 - > Tax Withholding Rate
 - ❖ IRS Publication 15-T
 - **❖** NC-30*
 - ❖ FICA Exemption
 - Tax Treaty Benefits
 - *please notify if out-of-state worker



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TAX ASSESSMENTS: GENERAL DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Current and Past Visa (if applicable)
- Approval Notices
 - > 1-797 (C) Receipt
 - > I-797 (A) Approval
- I-94 Detail (Electronic Print-out)
- Purpose of Documentation
 - ➤ Validates/Supports FNDG form and/or checklist
 - ❖ F-1 I-20
 - **❖**J-1 DS-2019
 - ➤ Determines tax status (NRA or RA)

*Not an all-inclusive list.

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THE SUBSTANTIAL PRESENCE TEST (SPT)

- Physically present in the U.S.:
 - > 31 or more U.S. days in the calendar year
 - ➤ 183 days based on the formula (includes partial days)
 - ❖ All days in the calendar year
 - ❖ 1/3 of U.S. days in the prior calendar year
 - ❖ 1/6 of U.S. days in the 2nd preceding calendar year
 - ➤ Collect immigration history back to 1985
 - Examples of statuses <u>exempt</u> from counting days (given no prior history)
 - ❖ F-1 & J-1 Students Visa type 5 years
 - ❖All other J Visa type 2 years

OSC does this calculation for you



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TAX ASSESSMENT DETERMINES

- Review Immigration Status
- Validate Employment Eligibility
- Collect Immigration History
- Determine Country of Tax Residency
- Determine Tax Status
- Collect Tax Documents
- · Create the Audit File
 - **Based on Foreign National Data Gathering Form**



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TAX ASSESSMENT DETERMINES (CONT.)

- Treaty Benefit Eligibility and Payments to NRAs
 - The U.S. has treaties with over 60 countries around the world affecting payments to foreign nationals
 - ➤ Offer tax exemptions within the U.S. for foreign nationals who were or are tax residents (not citizens) of a treaty country and meet specific criteria
- What does a tax treaty mean for employment income?:
 - ➤ Exempt tax
 - > Exempt (Reduce) a certain portion of the income
 - Income from Employment Tax (\$3000-\$10,000 could potential be exempt)
 - ➤ Not all states honor federal tax treaties



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DOCUMENTATION FOR EMPLOYEES

- Forms:
 - ➤ W-8BEN Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting
 - >8233 Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual
 - >W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification
 - **≻W-4** − Federal Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate
 - ➤ NC-4 State Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate
 - ➤ NC-4 NRA State Nonresident Alien Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate

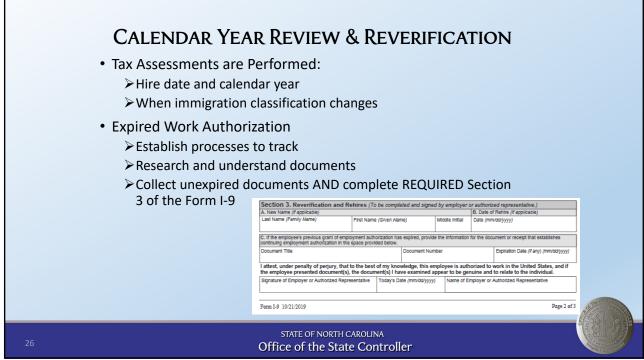


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TAX REPORTING **Nonresident Aliens U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens** Tax on U.S. Source Income Tax on Worldwide Income Not org. under U.S. laws ➤ Entities org. under U.S. laws W-4/W-2 W-4/W-2 NRA Tax Rate > Standard Wage Withholding W-8s/8233/1042-S W-9/1099 > 30% withholding > 28% backup withholding > State Taxes (NC 4%>\$1500) > \$600 threshold for most reporting > No minimum dollar threshold for payments · No treaty benefits (some exceptions) • Treaty benefits or ECI to reduce U.S. tax/withholding, if qualify Filing deadlines Filing deadlines **>** 1/31 > 1042-S: 3/15-4/15 (W-2: 1/31) ➤ Paper vs. Electronic Filing STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Office of the State Controller 25





COMMON ERRORS (CONT.)

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT GRANT ANY IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BENETIT.

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COMMON ERRORS (CONT.)

- If a nonresident alien has FICA incorrectly withheld form their paychecks while working under OPT, can the employee obtain a FICA tax refund?
 - ➤ Yes the nonresident alien should first contact the employer regarding the refund
 - OSC will work to determine if a FICA Refund Certification is necessary
 - > If employer refuses to refund the FICA
 - Employee can file Form 843 to obtain a refund



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How to Be Successful

- Process Flow
 - ➤ Who is the primary contact
 - > Who will process documentation and how will it flow
 - ➤ Who is responsible for sending the I-9/support to OSC Tax
 - > Do you have an adequate filing/documentation system
- Ensure your departments keep you in the loop!!!!
- Are you ready for an Audit!!!
 - ➤ Scope:
 - Post written Policies and Procedures
 - Training for staff
 - ❖Self review/audit



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RESOURCES

- Employment Authorization Categories:
 - https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/information-employers-employees/employer-information/employment-authorization
- Visa Categories:
 - https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/a-z-index.html
- Handbook for Employers:
 - https://www.uscis.gov/i-9-central/form-i-9-resources/handbook-for-employers-m-274



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QUESTIONS?



- System Questions:
 - Send an email to BEST@osc.nc.gov
- Tax/Immigration Questions:
 - Jennifer Pacheco

<u>Jennifer.Pacheco@osc.nc.gov</u> 919-707-0764 – office 919-875-3805 – Secure fax

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