

## The Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants

### 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 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)(2)(A) describes a state or local public benefit as “any grant, contract, loan, **professional license**, or commercial license **provided by an agency of the State of 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. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) 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.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Physical): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I hereby certify that (*please check one item in each category*):

- I am a citizen of the United States.
- I am an alien lawfully admitted to the United States under the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

I have attached:

- A copy of an acceptable document from List A; or
- Copies of acceptable documents from Lists B and C as verification of my lawful presence in the U.S.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS**  
**All documents must be unexpired**

**LIST A**

**LIST B**

**LIST C**

**Documents that Establish Both Identify and Employment Authorization**

**Documents that Establish Identity**

**Documents that Establish Employment Authorization**

**OR**

**AND**

1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card	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	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. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)	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	2. Certification of Birth Aboard issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545)
3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa	3. School ID card with a photograph	3. Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form DS-1350)
4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)	4. Voter's registration card	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. In the case of a nonimmigrant 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 nonimmigrant 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	5.U.S. Military card or draft record	5. Native American tribal document
	6. Military dependent's ID card	
	7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	6. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
	8. Native American tribal document	7. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-197)
	9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority  <b>For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:</b>	
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 nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI	10. School record or report card	8. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security
	11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record	
	12. Day-care or nursery school record	

**Illustrations of many of these documents appear in Part 8 of the Handbook for Employers (M-274)**