

Secure and Verifiable Documents under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2

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“Secure and verifiable document” means a document issued by a state or federal jurisdiction or recognized by the United States government and that is verifiable by federal or state law enforcement, intelligence, or homeland security agencies. **Secure and verifiable document shall not mean a Matricula Consular de Alta Seguridad, matricula consular card, consular matriculation card, consular identification card, or similar identification card issued by a foreign government regardless of the holder’s immigration status.** Only those documents approved and posted by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (f) of the Code section shall be considered secure and verifiable documents. [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2 (b)(3)]

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 (“IIREA”) provides that “[n]ot later than August 1, 2011, the Attorney General shall provide and make public on the Department of Law’s website a list of acceptable secure and verifiable documents. The list shall be reviewed and updated annually by the Attorney General.” O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(f). The Attorney General may modify this list on a more frequent basis, if necessary.

The following list of secure and verifiable documents, published under the authority of O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status.

- **A United States passport or passport card**
- **A United States military identification card**
- **A driver’s license or identification card** issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer
- **A tribal identification card** of a federally recognized Native American tribe, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- **A United States Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card**
- **An Employment Authorization Document** that contains a photograph of the bearer
- **A passport issued by a foreign government**
- **A Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential** issued by the United States Coast Guard
- **A FAST card, NEXUS card, or SENTRI card**
- **A driver’s license issued by a Canadian government authority**
- **A Certificate of Citizenship** (Form N-560 or Form N-561) or a **Certificate of Naturalization** (Form N-550 or Form N-570) issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- **Certification of Report of Birth** (Form DS-1350), a **Certification of Birth Abroad** (Form FS-545), or a **Consular Report of Birth Abroad** (Form FS-240) issued by the United States Department of State
- **An original or certified copy of a birth certificate** issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal
- In addition to the documents listed herein, if, in administering a public benefit or program, an agency is required by federal law to accept a document or other form of identification for proof of or documentation of identity, that document or other form of identification will be deemed a secure and verifiable document solely for that particular program or administration of that particular public benefit.

For a more detailed listing of these secure and verifiable documents, including citations, refer to the “List of Secure and Verifiable Documents” posted on the Attorney General of Georgia website at <http://law.ga.gov/immigration-reports>.