

Social Security Online Verification System (SSOLV)

Match #973 - October 2021 Model

MODEL--MVA USING AAMVA SERVICES

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**[STATE NAME AND NAME OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OR
NAME OF STATE AGENCY ADMINISTERING AN ID CARD PROGRAM]**

AND

THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**Effective: October 1, 2021
Expires: September 30, 2026**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this information exchange agreement (agreement) is to establish the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which the Social Security Administration (SSA) will provide Social Security number (SSN) verifications to the [Insert State Name and MVA or Name of the State Agency charged with administering an identification card program] (MVA [or insert acronym of state agency if other than MVA]) through the Social Security Online Verification (SSOLV) process for individuals seeking driver's licenses and/or identification cards from MVA. [If the state agency signing this agreement is other than an MVA, replace "MVA" throughout the agreement with the respective acronym where needed.]

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. SSA's Responsibilities

1. SSA will provide MVA with SSN online verification service via the SSOLV process for MVA's existing, renewal, and new driver's license and identification card records. SSOLV will be provided via direct terminal access administered through the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' (AAMVA) AAMVAnet® network, which will serve as the conduit to transmit information to, and receive information from, SSA on behalf of the State MVAs that want to receive the verification service via SSOLV.
2. SSA will compare the information that MVA submits through AAMVAnet® with the information in SSA's system of records and respond to MVA through AAMVAnet®.
3. SSA will provide verification results as a "match"/"no match" response to MVA's verification request and the reason for the "no match" response. SSA's response will also include indication of death, if such data is present on SSA's records.

B. MVA's Responsibilities

1. MVA will reimburse SSA, through AAMVA, for the services provided under this agreement.
2. MVA will transmit to SSA, through AAMVAnet®, the name, SSN, and the date of birth provided by each individual for each verification request. AAMVA will provide connectivity and billing services for MVA, and AAMVA's AAMVAnet® will serve as the conduit to transmit information to and receive information from SSA, consistent with the terms of this agreement. AAMVAnet® will transmit information to and receive information from SSA on behalf of MVA.
3. MVA will use the verification information provided by SSA under this agreement only for the purposes of establishing identities of applicants for, and holders of,

driver's licenses and/or identification cards issued by MVA.

4. MVA acknowledges that SSA's positive ("match") verification of an SSN only establishes that the data it submitted matches the data contained in SSA records, subject to the tolerances established in SSA's matching routines. The verification does not authenticate the identity of the individual or conclusively prove that the individual submitting the information is who he or she claims to be.
5. If MVA receives a negative ("no match") response from SSA on the SSN provided by an individual, MVA will take the following steps before referring the individual to the SSA field office:
 - a. Check its records to confirm that the data of the original submission has not changed (e.g., last name recently changed);
 - b. Contact the individual to verify that the submitted data is accurate; and
 - c. Consult with the SSA Project Coordinator to discuss options before sending out any mass mailings advising individuals to contact their local SSA field office for resolution.
6. MVA will collect and disclose SSNs in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws that govern the collection, use, and disclosure of SSNs.
7. MVA will not use the services provided by SSA under this agreement as an enhancement to any information marketing efforts conducted by the State or its agents. SSA will consider any such marketing effort by MVA to be cause for immediate termination under Section V.C of this agreement.

III. LEGAL AUTHORITY

Section 205(c)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i)) authorizes the States to use SSNs in administering their driver's license laws.

SSA's legal authority to disclose information under this agreement is section 1106 of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1306), the regulations promulgated pursuant to that section (20 C.F.R. Part 401), the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(3)), and section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. SSA will use information maintained in the "Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications," 60-0058 system of records, last fully published on December 29, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg. 82121), and amended on July 5, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg. 40542), February 13, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 8780), July 3, 2018 (83 Fed. Reg. 31250-31251), and November 1, 2018 (83 Fed. Reg. 54969).

Section 1106(b) of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1306(b)) requires any agency requesting from SSA information that may be disclosed under SSA's regulations to pay for the information requested, either in advance or by way of reimbursement, in amounts up to

the full cost of providing such information as determined by the Commissioner of SSA. SSN verification under this agreement does not constitute a matching program as defined by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(a)(8). SSN verification is not used to determine entitlement to or eligibility for, or continuing compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements by, applicants for, recipients or beneficiaries of, participants in or providers of service with respect to cash or in-kind assistance or payments under Federal benefit programs, or recouping payments or delinquent debts under such Federal benefit programs. However, this agreement is executed under all of the other relevant portions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.

IV. TRANSFER OF DATA

SSA and MVA will utilize the verification service via SSOLV using the data transmission method identified in the Table below:

TRANSFER OF DATA
<input type="checkbox"/> Data will be transmitted between SSA and the MVA directly through AAMVA’s AAMVAnet®.
<input type="checkbox"/> Data will be transmitted between SSA and the MVA through AAMVA’s AAMVAnet®. AAMVA and the MVA will then transmit data through the <u>[Name of STC Agency/Vendor]</u> (State Transmission/Transfer Component (“STC”)) by <u>[method of transfer: File Transfer Management System (FTMS) or other]</u> , a secure mechanism approved by SSA. The STC will serve as the conduit between SSA and AAMVA pursuant to the State STC Agreement.

V. PRIVACY PROTECTION AND SYSTEMS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Record Usage, Duplication, and Redislosure Restrictions

1. MVA will use and access the SSN verification information and the records created by the data exchange under this agreement only for the purpose of administering, and to the extent necessary to administer, its driver’s license and/or identification card programs.
2. The data provided by SSA under this agreement will remain the property of SSA, and MVA will return or destroy the data when it accomplishes the purpose for which it obtained the data, but no later than 90 days after receipt of the data. MVA will not save the SSA response file. MVA may apply specific data from the response file to the “matched” record in MVA’s system.
3. MVA will not use the data provided by SSA to extract information concerning individuals for any purpose not specified in this agreement.

4. MVA will not create any other file that consists of the verification information from SSA for redisclosure, duplication, or dissemination within or outside MVA without advance written approval of SSA. SSA will not grant such approval unless: (1) the disclosure is in compliance with the Federal Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and other applicable Federal laws and regulations; and (2) the disclosure is required by law or is essential to the matching activity. To request SSA's advance written approval for redisclosure, duplication, or dissemination, MVA must specify in writing what file is being disclosed, to whom it is being disclosed, and the reasons that justify such redisclosure.
5. MVA will restrict access to the verification information obtained from SSA to only those authorized State employees who need it to perform their official duties in connection with the intended uses of the information authorized in this agreement.
6. If MVA uses, or contemplates using, agents or contractors to assist in the licensing or identification card issuance, and such agents or contractors require access to SSA data, MVA may provide them access subject to the following conditions: (1) MVA is in a contractual or similar arrangement with the agent or contractor to act on MVA's behalf to assist in administering MVA's driver's license and/or other identification documents; (2) MVA provides SSA with proof of such contractual relationship (e.g., a copy of its contract or other agreement with the agent or contractor); (3) the purpose of the disclosure and the use of the data by the agent or contractor is consistent with this agreement; and (4) the agent or contractor agrees in writing to abide by all of the use, duplication, and redisclosure restrictions, and systems security requirements in this agreement.
7. MVA will inform all employees, contractors, or agents who access, use, or disclose the data provided under this agreement that if they use the data in a manner or for a purpose not authorized by this agreement they are subject to civil and criminal sanctions contained in applicable Federal statutes and regulations. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(i); 42 U.S.C. § 1306(a).

B. Systems Security Requirements

1. MVA must safeguard information provided under this agreement by complying with the Systems Security Requirements (SSR) described in the *Electronic Information Exchange Security Requirements and Procedures for State and Local Agencies Exchanging Electronic Information with the Social Security Administration* (Attachment A).
2. To comply fully with SSA's SSR, MVA must attest in writing to the Director of the Division of Compliance and Oversight (DCOVER), Office Information Security, that its system has not undergone significant changes since the last agreement was signed or the last System Design Plan (SDP) was submitted,

whichever is later. Significant changes are any changes that could adversely affect the protection of SSA data in accordance with our SSR. If significant changes have been made, MVA will submit an updated SDP to the Director of DCOVER, as described in Attachment A. DCOVER will review the SDP and notify MVA of its acceptance or any unresolved issues. MVA must resolve all issues to DCOVER's satisfaction before SSA will authorize its connection through the AAMVA system. If MVA is not in compliance with SSA's SSR on the effective date of this agreement, SSA will suspend any SSN verification request from MVA until MVA has submitted an acceptable SDP to the Director of DCOVER. MVA must submit such SDP to the DCOVER at least within 30 days of the effective date of this agreement.

3. SSA and MVA will adopt policies and procedures to ensure that information obtained from each other will be used in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement and any applicable laws.
4. MVA will restrict access to the data obtained from SSA to only those authorized State employees, contractors, and agents who need such data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this agreement. At SSA's request, MVA will obtain from each of its contractors and agents a current list of the employees of its contractors and agents who have access to SSA data disclosed under this agreement. MVA will require its contractors, agents, and all employees of such contractors or agents with authorized access to the SSA data disclosed under this agreement, to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement, and not to duplicate, disseminate, or disclose such data without obtaining SSA's prior written approval. MVA will further certify to SSA's Systems Security Contact that all contractors meet the SSR prior to any transfer of SSA data to the contractor; thereafter, MVA will perform compliance reviews of the contractor at least once every three years and compile a report of its findings and final a disposition of all required actions to SSA's System Security contact, to ensure SSA's SSR are met. MVA must be able to document the contractual agreement between MVA and its contractors and explain the role of those contractors in MVA's operations. In addition, MVA must require all contractors to sign an agreement (including a non-disclosure statement) that obligates them to follow the terms of SSA's SSR, as described in Attachment A.

C. Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

Pursuant to 32 C.F.R. § 2002.16(a)(6), MVA must handle any CUI in accordance with Executive Order 13556, 32 C.F.R. Part 2002, and the CUI Registry. The information that SSA provides to MVA under this agreement is CUI. MVA acknowledges that misuse of CUI is subject to penalties established in applicable law, regulations, or Government-wide policies. MVA will report any non-compliance with handling requirements to SSA using methods approved by SSA.

D. Safeguarding and Reporting Responsibilities for Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

1. MVA will ensure that its employees, contractors, and agents:
 - a. Properly safeguard PII furnished by SSA under this agreement from loss, theft, or inadvertent disclosure;
 - b. Understand that they are responsible for safeguarding this information at all times, regardless of whether or not the State employee, contractor, or agent is at his or her regular duty station;
 - c. Ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PII are encrypted and/or password protected;
 - d. Send emails containing PII only if encrypted and if to and from addresses that are secure; and
 - e. Limit disclosure of the information and details relating to a PII loss only to those with a need to know.

2. If an employee of MVA or an employee of MVA's contractor or agent becomes aware of suspected or actual loss of PII, he or she must immediately contact the MVA official responsible for Systems Security designated below, or his or her delegate. That MVA official or delegate must then notify the SSA Regional Office contact, SSA Project Coordinator, and the SSA Systems Security Contact identified below. If, for any reason, the responsible MVA official or delegate is unable to notify the SSA Regional Office contact and Project Coordinator, or the SSA Systems Security Contact within one hour, the responsible MVA official or delegate must report the incident by contacting SSA's National Network Service Center at 1-877-697-4889. The responsible MVA official or delegate will use the worksheet, attached as Attachment B, to quickly gather and organize information about the incident. The responsible MVA official or delegate must provide to SSA timely updates as any additional information about the loss of PII becomes available.

3. SSA will file a formal report in accordance with SSA procedures. SSA will notify the Department of Homeland Security's United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team if loss or potential loss of SSA PII related to a data exchange under this agreement occurs.

4. If MVA experiences a loss or breach of data, it will determine whether or not to provide notice to individuals whose data has been lost or breached and bear any costs associated with the notice or any mitigation.

VI. DURATION, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

A. Duration

This agreement will be in effect for 5 years, from the effective date of October 1, 2021, to the expiration date of September 30, 2026. *[For current re-establishments, the effective date is October 1, 2021. For any agreement that will be re-established after October 1, 2021, replace the foregoing sentence with the following, filling in the appropriate effective date for the agreement: “This agreement will be in effect from the effective date of _____ to the expiration date of September 30, 2026.”]* Parties to this agreement must execute a new agreement prior to its expiration date for the services to continue undisrupted.

This agreement will be effective only upon signature of both parties to this agreement, related Form SSA-1235 between SSA and AAMVA for the current fiscal year (FY), and the payment in advance by AAMVA in accordance with the terms of the agreement between SSA and AAMVA and the Form SSA-1235. This agreement does not authorize SSA to incur obligations through the performance of the services described herein. Performance of such services is authorized only by the execution of the Form SSA-1235 between SSA and AAMVA for the fiscal year in which the verification services will be provided. SSA’s ability to perform work for fiscal years beyond FY 2022 is subject to the availability of funds.

B. Modification

Either party may request, in writing, modifications to this agreement at any time; no modification to this agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by each of the parties of this agreement.

C. Termination

Either party may unilaterally terminate this agreement upon 30 days advance written notice to the other party. Such termination will be effective 30 days from the date of the notice or at a later date specified in the notice. The party that issued the notice of termination may withdraw the notice if, at any time prior to the effective date of the termination, the parties resolve their differences and reach an agreement acceptable to both parties. Parties will refer jointly for resolution any dispute arising under this agreement to each party’s official authorized to sign this agreement. In the event the parties’ authorized officials cannot reach a resolution or agreement, the party that issued the notice of termination may still proceed with termination of the agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, SSA may immediately and unilaterally terminate this agreement if SSA determines that MVA has: (1) incurred an unauthorized use of the verification service or (2) violated, or failed to follow, the terms of this agreement. SSA may immediately and unilaterally suspend services under this agreement, until SSA makes a definite determination, if SSA suspects that MVA failed to comply with the systems security requirements and/or records usage, duplication, and redisclosure restrictions of this agreement.

SSA reserves the right to shut down the computer process between AAMVAnet® and

SSA with no warning and for an unlimited amount of time if SSA deems the process to be damaging the integrity of the internal, secure SSA Network.

In addition, in accordance with SSA's agreement with AAMVA, AAMVA may terminate the provision of services to any MVA that is delinquent in payment for services, provided that AAMVA shall provide 60 days prior written notice to the affected MVA and SSA before implementing such termination.

VII. REIMBURSEMENT

MVA will reimburse SSA, through AAMVA, for the services SSA provides under this agreement. SSA will enter into a separate reimbursable agreement with AAMVA for online SSN verification services, whereby AAMVA, on behalf of MVA, will reimburse SSA in advance on a periodic basis for the services SSA provides to MVA under this agreement. AAMVA will establish fees, billing, and collection from MVAs for SSA's verification services provided through AAMVAnet®. SSA is not responsible for any fees that AAMVA may charge MVA for services AAMVA provides on behalf of MVA. AAMVA is responsible for directly resolving all issues pertaining to billing and services under this agreement directly with SSA.

SSA will determine the reimbursable amounts payable by the full cost of providing the estimated volume of SSN verification requests to be submitted to SSA on a fiscal year basis. For purposes of this agreement, the fiscal year is defined as the twelve-month period from October 1 of any given year to September 30 of the following year. SSA uses current Federal fiscal year rates to calculate the cost estimates for services provided under this agreement; Federal fiscal year rates and related cost estimates are subject to change in future fiscal years.

MVA's failure to reimburse SSA through AAMVA in accordance with this agreement and/or AAMVA's failure to pay SSA in accordance with its agreement with SSA is cause for immediate and unilateral termination by SSA under Section VI.C of this agreement.

VIII. PERSONS TO CONTACT

SSA Project Coordinator & Regional

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IX. DISCLAIMER

SSA is not liable for any damages or loss resulting from errors in information provided to MVA under this agreement. Furthermore, SSA is not liable for damages or loss resulting from the destruction of any materials or data provided by MVA. All information furnished to MVA will be subject to the limitations and qualifications, if any, transmitted with such information. If, because of any such error, loss, or destruction attributable to SSA, the services must be re-performed by SSA, the additional cost thereof will be treated as part of the full costs incurred in compiling and furnishing such information and will be paid by MVA.

X. INTEGRATION CLAUSE

This agreement and the accompanying Attachments A and B constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter. There have been no representations, warranties, or promises made outside of the agreement. This agreement shall take precedence over any other documents that may be in conflict with it.

XI. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

The signatories below warrant and represent that they have the competent authority on behalf of their respective agencies to enter into the obligations set forth in this agreement.

The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(Name)
Regional Commissioner

Date

[STATE NAME AND NAME OF MVA]

(Name)
(Title)

Date

Attachments:

A – *Electronic Information Exchange Security Requirements and Procedures For State and Local Agencies Exchanging Electronic Information with the Social Security Administration*

B – Worksheet for Reporting Loss or Potential Loss of Personally Identifiable Information