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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has expanded case creation options for SAVE web browser users. Learn more in [USCIS' press release](#).

User agencies can now create a case using just the last four digits of an applicant's Social Security number (SSN) along with the standard case creation requirements of first name, last name, and date of birth. If SAVE cannot locate a record with only the last four digits of the SSN, agency users will receive the new initial response: "Full Social Security Number Required– Resubmit with Additional Information." Any case that receives this response will be automatically closed. User agencies must then create a new case using a full nine-digit SSN and/or an immigration enumerator (such as an A-Number/USCIS Number, Arrival-Departure Record I-94 Number, SEVIS ID Number, Naturalization/Citizenship Certificate Number, or Visa Number) to verify the benefit applicant's immigration status or U.S. citizenship. This new case creation option is available when creating cases individually or in bulk.

To increase the likelihood of an immediate response without additional verification, agencies should enter all available enumerators during case creation.

Users must complete all verification steps required by SAVE before relying on a SAVE response to deny a benefit or license, including requesting and submitting the benefit applicant's U.S. citizenship or immigration documentation to SAVE when required.

This is part of USCIS' ongoing effort to optimize SAVE to provide a single, reliable source for verifying immigration status and U.S. citizenship, as referenced in [DHS, USCIS, DOGE Overhaul Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Database](#). SAVE Optimization has enabled state voting agencies to submit over 46 million voter verification queries and has also allowed federal agencies to submit over 110 million queries to help verify eligibility for federally funded benefits. These initiatives combined with SAVE's status verifications for new benefit requests have collectively resulted in more than 205 million status verifications queries as of October 2025 compared to 25 million status verification queries in all of calendar year 2024.

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