



USCIS CHANGES FORM I-864 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced (<https://www.uscis.gov/i-864>) new editions of Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA, Form I-864A, Contract Between Sponsors and Household Member, and Form I-864EZ, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA (edition date: 08/24/26), which were published on August 31, 2026.

Importantly, USCIS is implementing this new edition without a grace period. Although USCIS states that it made a preview version of the form and instructions available, no such preview was ever announced or available before 08/31/2026. The announcement of the new versions was sent late in the afternoon on the same day of the new edition requirement – 08/31/2026. **The final version of the form and instructions were published on the website on 08/31/2026.**

The reason for the new edition is to add a privacy release authorizing USCIS and DOS to obtain information from one or more consumer reporting agencies. USCIS further warns in its announcement that if a sponsor has placed a credit or security freeze on their consumer report, the agency may be unable to access information needed to assess the sufficiency of the Form I-864.

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