

Changes to the Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS)

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Enhancements to SSNVS Beginning August 25, 2007

- You will receive results on all SSNs submitted for verification whether verified or unverified. Prior to August 25, 2007, SSNVS only returns unverified SSNs to the requester. For security purposes, all records that verify plus all those records that are unverified due to a verification code of 2, 3, 4 and 6, will only return the last 4 digits of the SSN. The input SSN will be displayed if it was never issued, the name does not match or it belonged to a deceased individual.
- In addition to the current unverified codes, "1" through "5", SSA will begin to return a "6". When the "6" unverified code is received the requester will be instructed to have their employee contact their local security office for more information.
- The 8 position tracking number, which is currently assigned to each submission for purposes of viewing the results and requesting status, will be replaced by a 16 position confirmation number.

Note: SSA expects a transition period when requesters receive a tracking number upon upload of their file but will be asked for the confirmation number to retrieve their results. In this instance the requester will be instructed to place the 8 position tracking number in the 16 position confirmation number field.

SSNVS Web Site Enhancements

In May 2007 SSA enhanced the SSNVS web site. Enhancements include prominently displayed links and easier to find information on registration, how to access SSNVS, wage reporting and other BSO services.

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New SSNVS News web page

In May 2007 SSA launched a separate web page devoted to www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnvsNews.htm. This new web page provides current SSNVS information on such things as legislative changes, planned outages of the SSNVS web site, future SSNVS enhancements, and so on. There is also a news page for other employer services.

Discontinuation of EVS Magnetic Tapes/ Cartridges/Diskettes

Starting in October 2007 SSA will no longer process magnetic media (i.e. tapes, cartridges or diskettes) for SSN verification using SSA's Employee Verification Service (EVS). You can upload the file through SSNVS and usually receive results the next government business day.

SSNVS Handbook

The latest information on SSNVS is always in the SSNVS Online Handbook located at www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnvs_handbk.htm.

Information for Software Developers

More detailed instructions on these changes that affect specifications including field positions can be found at www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnv.htm. Also, the routines for positions 112-120 have been eliminated.