

## Sterling I-9 User Guide - Form I-9 Verifier Options

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- Integrated Solution. Our robust Sterling Integration Platform (SIP) ecosystem streamlines the hiring process with your onboarding and core HR systems.



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### **Sterling I-9's Verifier Network**

**PLEASE NOTE:** 

The Verifier Network is a contracted service. This option applies only to those clients that are contracted and set up for this service.

The Sterling I-9 Verifier Network solution is designed for remote completion of Form I-9 Section 2 by a partner network with locations in every state in the U.S. This partner network provides the ability for remote or off-site employees to schedule a session to complete Section 2. Additional information for Section 2 can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>. The Verifier Network option is available with or without E-Verify. This service is available to clients set up for this option at an additional fee.

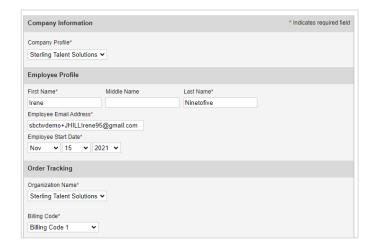
### Ordering Verification Network I-9

From the candidate record, scroll down to the Add Onboarding section, and click Launch for the desired "Verifier Network" I-9 package.



The Form I-9 ordering process is the same as described in the Sterling I-9 User Guide – Ordering and Completing Section 1, up through the completion of Section 1.

Review and click Submit to order.



**PLEASE NOTE:** 

There is no verifier choice to make as part of the ordering process. Additionally, there is no choice for remote/in-person completion of Section 1, as all Verifier Network orders are not at the organization's workplace



### Verifier Network - Employee Experience

The notification sent to the employee will be like the standalone Section 1 task assignment notification. There will be a call-out in the notification email indicating the need to schedule an appointment for Section 2 completion.

The employee experience in Section 1 is the same as in the electronic I-9 service. The employee uses a secure login portal and completes Section 1 through the eSignature process.

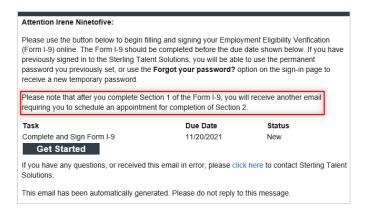
Following eSignature, the employee is provided with further instructions and a link to Schedule Section 2.

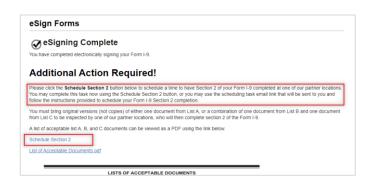
The employee receives an email with their scheduling link upon completion of Section 1.

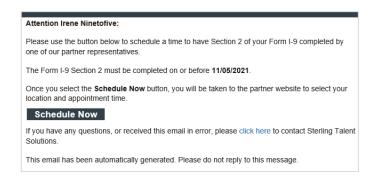
If the employee fails to schedule their appointment, reminder emails are sent on a regular basis.

After clicking the Schedule Section 2 or the Schedule Now button, the employee is directed to the Sterling Verifier Network scheduling website.

The employee chooses Continue to proceed.



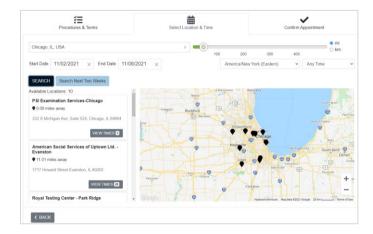






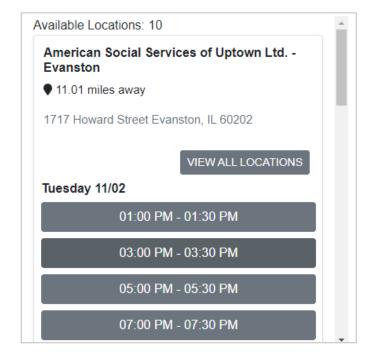


The employee enters the desired location of their appointment and sets the search radius slider. The employee also sets an appointment date range and clicks Search.

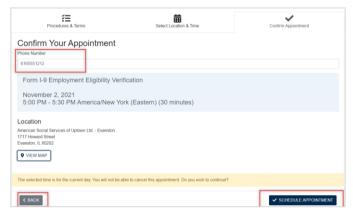


The employee scrolls through the locations, viewing available times at each location.

The employee selects their scheduled meeting location and date/time.



The employee is prompted to enter their phone number, and review/confirm their appointment details. If needed, the employee can go back and change their appointment request. The employee may also view the specific appointment location on a map. When ready to schedule, employee clicks Schedule Appointment.





The employee is presented with the appointment instructions, including driving and parking details.

The employee has the option to reschedule or cancel the appointment if the appointment is scheduled more than 24-hours in advance. If the employee needs to reschedule the appointment, they can access this by clicking the Schedule Now link in the original email notification.

The employee receives a calendar invitation via email which includes location, date/time, and specific location information.

Included in the calendar invitation is a button/link to allow for rescheduling.

# Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Appointment Information Irene Ninetofive November 2, 2021 Soo PM - 53 oP M America/New York (Eastern) (30 minutes) Scheduling Procedures Treate your wastern that the scheduled of least 24 hours in advance of the appointment date and time. If there are no seals available in the processing center near you, then you should advant a seal respectively. The center inny roll as also be accommodately on any or set of the may be diseased. ScheDULINA In accordance with the processing center filters (15) minutes pure to the beginning of your appointment to allow time for the check-in process. If you are more than filters (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment, the center inny roll as also be accommodately you and you start date may be diseigned. In accordance with the processing center filters (15) minutes your for the beginning of your appointment to allow time for the check-in process. If you are more than filters (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment on the processing center filters (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment on the processing or your appointment to allow time for the check-in process. If you are more than filters (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment on the processing and process (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment on the processing or your scheduled appointment on the processing and process (15) minutes late for your scheduled appointment on the processing or your scheduled are your scheduled and process (15) minutes late for your scheduled are you scheduled and process (15) minutes late for your scheduled are your scheduled are your scheduled and process (15) minutes late for your scheduled are your scheduled are your scheduled and your scheduled are your scheduled are your scheduled are your scheduled and your scheduled are your scheduled are your scheduled a

### Attention Irene Ninetofive:

Please use the button below to schedule a time to have Section 2 of your Form I-9 completed by one of our partner representatives.

The Form I-9 Section 2 must be completed on or before 11/05/2021

Once you select the **Schedule Now** button, you will be taken to the partner website to select your location and appointment time.

### Schedule Now

If you have any questions, or received this email in error, please click here to contact Sterling Talent Solutions.

This email has been automatically generated. Please do not reply to this message.

### Hello Irene Ninetofive,

You have been scheduled for an appointment for SterlingTalentSolutionsI9 to participate in Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification.

Your appointment details are listed below: The appointment being added to your calendar is a feature we offer as a courtesy to you. Due to the many variances in email programs and computer time settings, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the calendar appointment. It is your responsibility to confirm your calendar appointment is correct and adjust your computer or email time zone settings if necessary.

### When

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - 5:00 PM America/New York (Eastern)

### Where:

American Social Services of Uptown Ltd. - Evanston, 1717 Howard Street Evanston, IL 60202

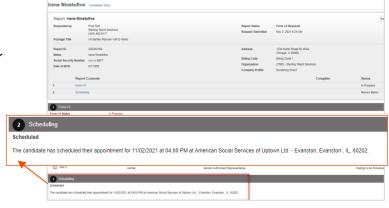
### **Driving Directions:**

FROM SOUTH CHICAGO GOING NORTH, TAKE WESTERN AVE, TURN LEFT ON HOWARD STREET, DRIVE ABOUT QUARNTER MILE, 1717 HOWARD STREET, WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT AND PARK ON THE STREET. FROM SOUTH CHICAGO GOING NORTH, TAKE CALIFORNIA AVE, TURN RIGHT ON HOWARD STREET, DRIVE ABOUT QUARNTER MILE, 1717 HOWARD STREET, WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT AND PARK ON THE STREET. COMING FROM DOWN TOWN CHICAGO ON LAKE SHORE DRIVR, EXIST ON HOLLYWOOD TO PETERSON, THEN TURN RIGHT ON WESTERN AVE, TURN LEFT ON HOWARD STREET, DRIVE ABOUT QUARNTER MILE, 1717



### **Verifier Network - Client Scheduling Confirmation**

Sterling I-9 users can verify appointment scheduling details from within the Sterling I-9 candidate record under Report View. Scroll down to the Scheduling section of the page for details.



If the employee indicates that they did not receive or lost their scheduling email notification, the scheduling email can be resent to employee via the Report View.



### **Verifier Network - Incomplete Status**

For I-9 Verifier Network appointments with an Incomplete status displayed in the Scheduling area, please read the status description details below and check for any follow-up actions.

For statuses Incomplete-Canceled, Canceled, and No Show, the Sterling I-9 user will need to cancel the current package and launch a new one.

- You will be billed at full cost if the employee does not cancel within the 24-hour notice period or fails to show up for their appointment (No Show).
- If for any reason the employee's appointment cannot be completed due to an employee error (failed to bring documents, made an error in Section 1, etc.), you will be billed for the package and a new package will need to be launched and scheduled.
- If for any reason the employee's appointment cannot be completed due to an error by Sterling or the Verifier Network, you will not be billed for the package. However, a new package will need to be launched and scheduled.

Billing for each transaction will appear on the standard monthly Billing Report.



Status	Client Facing Message	Definition	Action Needed	Client Billed
Incomplete	The employee was unable to complete their appointment due to technical difficulties with our partner. Pending reschedule by the employee. To resend the scheduling email, please click the Send Email button in the Report View.	The new hire did not complete the session due to an issue under the test center's responsibility	Employee needs to reschedule their appointment	The client can be billed upon completion, No Show or late cancel of the I-9 at full cost
Incomplete - Cancelled	The employee was unable to complete their appointment upon arrival. Please launch a new Remote I-9 package for this employee from the Candidate Record.	The new hire did not complete due to an issue he/she is responsible for (such as improper ID)	The package needs to be canceled and a new order launched	Yes
Complete	The employee has cancelled their appointment outside of the allowed grace period of 24 hours. Please launch a new Remote I-9 package for this employee from the Candidate Record	The appointment has been cancelled outside of the allowed grace period	The package needs to be canceled and a new order launched	Yes
No Show	The employee failed to show up for their scheduled appointment. Please launch a new Remote I-9 package for this employee from the Candidate Record	The new hire failed to show up to the proctored center	The package needs to be canceled and a new order launched, if needed.	Yes

### **Verifier Network - Other Statuses**

Status	Client Facing Message	Definition	Action Needed	Client Billed
Scheduled	The employee scheduled their appointment for <enter date=""> at <enter time=""> at <enter location="">.</enter></enter></enter>	The appointment is scheduled (or rescheduled) at a specific time and place	None. The employee must arrive at their scheduled appointment time and location	The client will be billed upon completion, No Show, or late cancel of the I-9 at full cost
Awaiting Reschedule	The employee cancelled their appointment within the allowed grace period of 24 hours. Pending reschedule by the employee. To resend the scheduling email, please click the Send Email button in the Report View.	The appointment is cancelled within the allowed grace period, but not yet rescheduled	Employee needs to reschedule their appointment	The client will be billed upon completion, No Show, or late cancel of the I-9 at full cost
Complete	The employee has attended their appointment and Form I-9 Section 2 is now complete	The new hire successfully completed the proctored appointment and has been checked out	None	Yes
Incomplete	The employee is unable to complete their appointment due to technical difficulties with our partner. Pending reschedule by the employee. To resend the scheduling email, please click the Send Email button in the Report View.	The new hire did not complete the session due to an issue under the Verifier Network's responsibility	Employee needs to reschedule their appointment	Client is not billed for Verifier Technical difficulties
Incomplete	The employee is unable to complete their appointment due to technical difficulties with Sterling I-9. Pending reschedule by the employee. To resend the scheduling email, please click the Send Email button in the Report View.	The new hire did not complete the session due to a technical issue under Sterling's responsibility	Employee needs to reschedule their appointment	Client will not be billed for technical difficulties with Sterling I-9 system



### Verifier Network - Cancellations and Scheduling

- Employees may cancel their appointment at no cost to the client if canceled with at least 24hours' notice.
- Employees may cancel or reschedule from the scheduling link in the original scheduling email if outside of the 24-hour notice period.
- If the appointment is canceled or rescheduled with less than 24-hours' notice, the account is charged the full cost of the I-9 Verifier Network Package.
- If the user decides they no longer want to use Verifier Network for an individual Form I-9 that has already been launched and they would prefer to verify Section 2 instead, they must cancel the package and launch the desired I-9 service instead. If the package is cancelled with less than 24-hours' notice from when the employee scheduled their appointment, the account is still billed.

### Sterling I-9's Notary Network

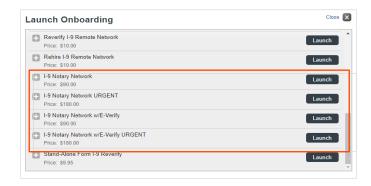
PLEASE NOTE:

The Notary Network is a contracted service. This option applies only to those clients that are contracted and set up for this service.

The Sterling I-9 Notary Network solution is designed for remote completion of Form I-9 Section 2, by an agent from Sterling's network of notary agents throughout the United States. This is a great verification option for completion of Section 2 of Form I-9 for remote or off-site employees. The Notary Network option is available with or without E-Verify and must be selected accordingly at the time of Form I-9 order. This service is available to clients set up for this option at an additional fee.

### **Ordering Notary Network I-9**

From the candidate record, scroll down to the Add Onboarding section, and click Launch for the desired Notary Network I-9 package.



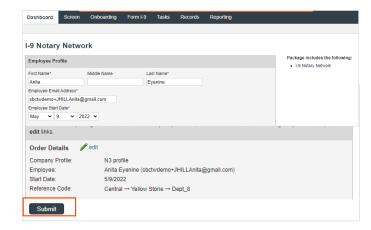
### PLEASE NOTE:

Notary Network standard orders include agent initial contact within 2-5 business days from the date of Section 1 completion. URGENT service can be ordered (additional fees apply) which has a 1-2 business day timeframe from Section 1 completion to agent contact with the employee.



The Form I-9 process is the same as described in the Sterling I-9 User Guide – Ordering and Completing Section 1, through the completion of Section 1.

Review order details and make edits/corrections as necessary. Click Submit to order.



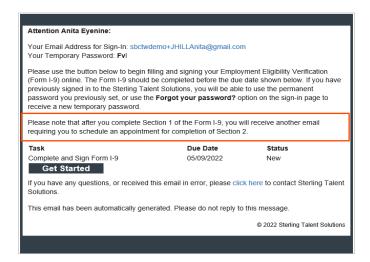
**PLEASE NOTE:** 

There is no verifier choice to make as part of the ordering process. Additionally, there is no choice for remote/in-person completion of Section 1, as all Notary Network orders are not verified at the organization's workplace.

### **Employee Experience**

The notification sent to the employee is like the usual Section 1 task assignment notification.

There is a call-out that an additional email will be sent to the employee prompting them to schedule their verifier appointment.

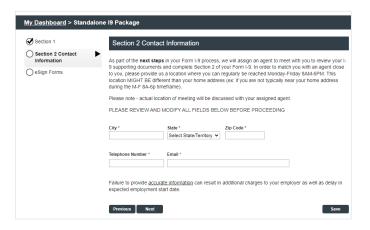


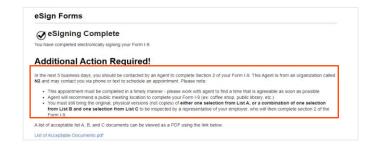


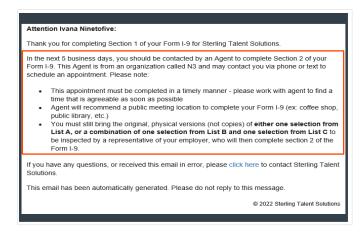
The employee experience in Section 1 is the same as in the electronic I-9 service. However, the employee is asked to provide specific location information for assigning a Notary Network agent for Section 2 completion.

Following the signature step in Section 1, the employee is provided with further information about the process for scheduling their Section 2 appointment.

The employee also receives an email with the instructions to schedule their Section 2 appointment.







### **Automated Notary Text Message**

After the employee completes Section 1, Notary Network will receive the request for a Section 2 Verification appointment. When the Notary Network assigns an agent that is in proximity of the location indicated by employee in Section 1, the following automated message is texted to employee by Notary Network:

Text comes from phone number: 414-269-6379

### Sample Message:

John, this is N3 Notary contacting you on behalf of [CLIENT NAME]. Paul has been assigned as your Agent to assist you in completing your I-9. Paul can be reached at 111-222-1234.

You can review Paul's profile page here:



https://secure.n3notary.net/ReachHire/Agent/AgentProfile.php?OrderID=2396222

Prior to meeting with the Agent we ask that you complete Section 1 of the electronic I-9. If you have any questions, contact your employer Rep.

Sample Agent Profile Page: https://secure.n3notary.net/ReachHire/Agent/AgentProfile.php?OrderID=2396222

### **Agent Appointment Scheduling**

Typically, within 1 to 2 business days, the employee will receive a text or phone call from the Notary Network agent seeking coordination of a meeting time and location. The Notary Network agent will propose meeting in a public location – often a coffee shop, restaurant, or public library.

The employee is expected to work directly with the agent to determine the best possible meeting location and meeting time to complete Section 2 verification. Most appointments last no more than 10 to 15 minutes.

PLEASE NOTE:

Agents are not able to provide advice or recommendations on documents to bring to the Section 2 appointment. Questions should be directed to the employer prior to appointment.

### Challenges with Appointments - "Client Action Needed"

There are times when errors and messages are relayed back to the employer from the Notary Network. Some of the messages require employer input and response; others require current order cancellation, and a new Notary Network order would be required for completion. When Sterling I-9 receives such *action needed* updates from Notary Network, the Form I-9 initiator will receive an email message.

PLEASE NOTE:

Orders that require cancellation after the appointment has been scheduled or appointment has started will be charged to client as billable appointment attempt. A new order would incur another charge to client.

Some "trouble" statuses for Notary Network orders include:

- Employee has questions which cannot be answered by Notary Network
- Employee is unable to meet at/near location which was provided in Section 1
- Employee no longer requires Notary Network services
- Employee could not provide necessary documents at appointment
- Employee was no-show for scheduled appointment
- Other technical issues prevented completion of appointment
- Employee cancelled appointment after Notary was in transit

### Employee Has Questions



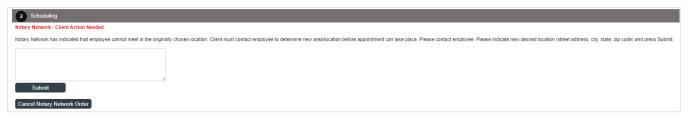


The employee has shared with the Notary Network agent or service that they do not have the necessary information to schedule the appointment. The employer needs to contact the employee and help answer questions for the scheduling process to continue. (Example: Employee is unsure which document to bring to their appointment.)

### Available next steps:

- Update the Sterling I-9 solution indicating that the employee's questions have been answered and that scheduling process can proceed.
- Cancel the Notary Network order.

### Employee Unable to Meet at Location



The employee has shared with the Notary Network agent or service that they could not meet based on the original employee-entered desired meeting location (city/state/zip).

### Available next steps:

- Update the Sterling I-9 solution with the employee's desired city, state, and zip location which creates a new Notary Network order.
- Cancel the Notary Network order.

### **Employee Could Not Provide Documents**



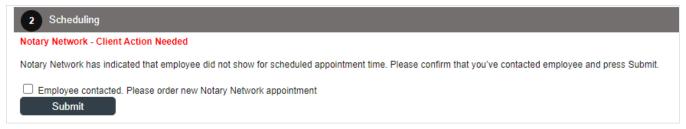
During the scheduled Notary Network appointment, the employee was unable to provide proper documentation to support the successful completion of Form I-9.

### Available next steps:

- Cancel & Reorder a Notary Network Order.
- Cancel the Notary Network Order.



### **Employee No-Show for Appointment**

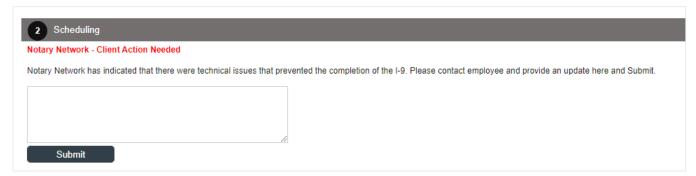


For the scheduled Notary Network appointment, the employee did not show or contact the agent for their scheduled appointment time.

### Available next steps:

- Cancel & Reorder a Notary Network Order.
- Cancel the Notary Network Order.

### Other Technical Issues



There were technical issues that prevent the Notary Network agent from successfully completing the Form I-9.

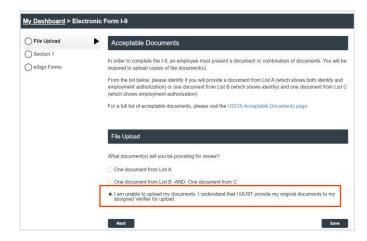
### Available next steps:

- Cancel & Reorder a Notary Network Order.
- Cancel the Notary Network Order.

### **Document Review and Upload - Special Note**

To help preserve employee confidentiality and support data privacy, Notary Network agents will NOT be able to view or upload electronic documents that were uploaded by employees in Form I-9 Section 1 completion. If the Retain E-Verify Required Documents only or the Retain All Documents preference setting is enabled in Sterling I-9, the employee is required to upload their documents in the Section 1 completion process.

The noted option is NOT available for Notary Network Form I-9 orders.





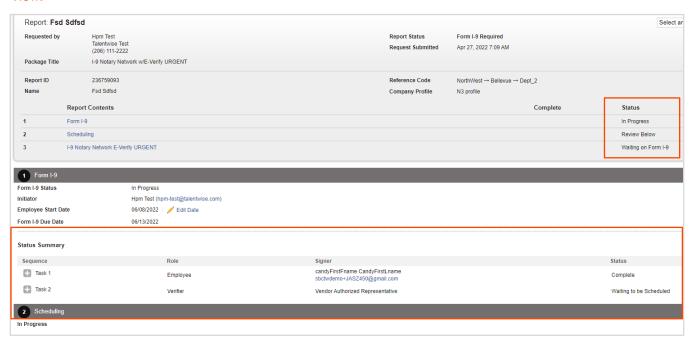
If the employer is unsure about their current preference setting – or wishes to make changes to preference settings, please contact your Client Success representative, or Sterling I-9 Support for Assistance.

### Reporting

To help report on the various status and levels of completion for Notary Network orders, users have multiple tools.

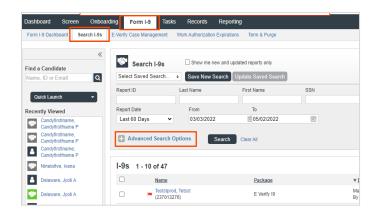
### Inflight Order Review - Report Page

The Sterling I-9 user verifies Notary Network order details from within the Candidate Record under Report View.



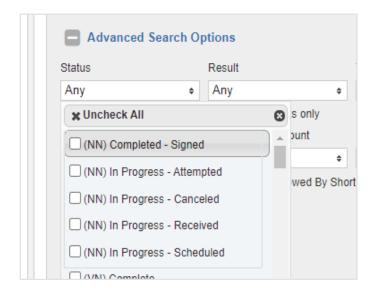
### Search I-9s - Advanced Filtering

Go to Form I-9 and then Search I-9s. Open/Expand Advanced Search Options.



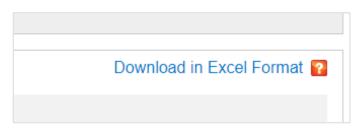


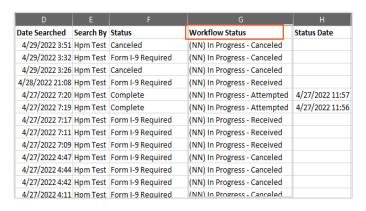
In the pop-down menu for the Status filter, choose any of the status choices that begin with (NN). These are the various Notary Network workflow statuses.



After filtering for the desired records, use the Download in Excel Format link to access the spreadsheet.







### **Additional I-9 Resources**

Looking for something specific? Click on the Sterling I-9 User Guide Resource Page.