

Department of Environmental Quality



NOTICE

NEW PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AGENCY ISSUED LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

Effective November 1, 2007

In order to comply with Oklahoma's new immigration law, 56 Okla. Stat. § 71, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has established the following new procedures for an individual to obtain an agency-issued license/certification.

- A. In order to obtain a license/certification or to renew an existing license/certification, the documentation requested in Sections C and E, including a signed Affidavit Regarding Citizenship, is required. In the absence of the required documentation, citizenship and immigration status cannot be determined and applicants may not be eligible for the license/certification for which they are applying.
- B. The Department of Environmental Quality will have available notary public services for the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship at no cost to the applicant at the main office located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays).
- C. The following documents **must** be provided to the agency with the relevant license/certification application in order to establish eligibility:

ALL U.S. CITIZENS

1. A signed and notarized Affidavit Regarding Citizenship (see attached affidavit)

ALL NON-U.S. CITIZENS:

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, but are a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and are lawfully present in the U.S. to work, please provide one of the documents listed in Section E, along with the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship.

- D. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality participates in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, which is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative designed to aid in determining a non-citizen applicant's immigration status (lawful presence), and thereby ensuring only eligible non-citizens receive government benefits, such as licenses/certifications.

E. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality will only issue licenses/certifications to Qualified Aliens (non-U.S. citizens) who present valid documentary evidence of one (1) of the following:

- Unexpired foreign passport, with I-551 stamp, or attached Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization;
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (Form I-151, or I-551);
- Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688);
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (Form I-688A)
- Unexpired Reentry Permit (Form I-327);
- Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571);
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) containing a photograph (Form I-688B);
- Valid unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
- Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
- Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- Approved deferred action status (Aliens whose deportation is being withheld under (1) § 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) as in effect prior to April 1, 1997 or (2) § 241(b)(3) of the INA;
- Pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident or conditional resident status. (Aliens granted conditional entry under § 2039 (a)(7) of the INA before April 1, 1980). (Upon approval, the applicant may be issued a temporary license/certification for the period of time of the authorized stay in the U.S., or if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, then for period of one (1) year);
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants, as defined in § 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980;
- Aliens granted parole for at least one year under § 212(d)(5) of the INA;
- Battered aliens, who meet the conditions set forth in § 431(c) of Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (“PRWORA”) as added by § 501 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, P.L. 104-208 (IIRIRA), and amended by § 5571 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, P.L. 105-33 (BBA), and § 1508 of the Violence against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386. Section 431(c) of PRWORA, as amended, is codified at 8 U.S.C. 1641(c);
- Victims of a severe form of trafficking, in accordance with § 107(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386.

F. Complying with the above requirements does not guarantee issuance of a license/certification. Applicants must still satisfy all other required qualifications of the respective licenses/certifications for which they are applying.

G. RENEWALS:

Effective November 1, 2007, all applicants will be required to present the documentation listed in Sections C and E to establish eligibility. All licenses/certifications may be renewed upon expiration by, in addition to satisfying any other preconditions required by the particular license/certification, mailing a renewal application and any applicable renewal fee. For renewal applicants that have already demonstrated citizenship by satisfying the requirements set forth in Section C above in his/her original application or a prior renewal application, the applicant shall not be required to resubmit such documentation. For renewal applicants that identify themselves as a “qualified alien lawfully present” in the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship, the documents listed in Section E must be resubmitted to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality with the renewal application in order to demonstrate that the applicant’s lawful status has not changed.

