

Security check	When required?	Validity period	Response codes	If recommending approval, must the officer put the case on hold for this security check?	Can the officer stamp the case approved with this response code?*
CLASS	All applicants	15 months	NOA = No activity	Yes	No
			REQ = Requested	Yes	No
			SCH = Scheduled/pending	Yes	No
			SAO = CLASS hit that requires applicant to have SAO	Yes	No
			DHS = CLASS hit with RAD for adjudication	Depends: If CLASS hit review sheet is CLR at interview, follow CLR steps below. If CLASS hit review sheet is NCL at interview, follow NCL steps below. If CLASS hit cannot be resolved in the field, it must stay on hold and cannot be stamped.	
			BTH = Both. CLASS hit that requires applicant to have SAO <u>and</u> CLASS hit with RAD for adjudication		
			EXP = Expired	Yes	No
			CLR = Clear	No	Yes
			NCL = Not clear	Yes*, for likely discretionary denial (DD)	No*
SAO	Applicants 14-50 years old** who are nationals of Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Mali, North Korea, the Republic of South Sudan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, and certain stateless Palestinians <u>and</u> applicants with “00” hits in CLASS	15 months	NOA = No activity	Yes	No
			RQD = Requested	Yes	No
			SCD = Scheduled/pending	Yes	No
			CNL = Cancelled	Yes	No
			EXP = Expired	Yes	No
			SAO (ENV) = SAO check pending <u>and</u> CLASS hit with RAD for adjudication	Yes	No
			NRQ = Not required (age)	No	Yes
			CLR = Clear	No	Yes
			NCL = Not clear	Yes*, for likely DD	No*
IAC	Applicants 14-79 years old	30 months, however, recurrent vetting occurs	NOA = No activity	Yes	No
			REQ = Requested	Yes	No
			SCH = Scheduled/pending	Yes	No
			RXP = Expedite requested	Yes	No
			SXP = Expedite in progress	Yes	No

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			AXP = Expedite approved	Yes	No
			DXP = Expedite denied	Yes	No
			EXP = Expired	Yes	No
			NRQ = Not required (age)	No	Yes
			CLR = Clear	No	Yes
			NCL = Not clear	Yes*, for likely DD	No*
Fingerprints	Applicants 14 –79 years old. In practice, USCIS collects fingerprints for applicants who are 13 years old in anticipation that they may age into the requirement before travel. However, the officer should <i>not</i> place a case on hold for fingerprints solely because an applicant who is younger than 14 is pending fingerprint results.	15 months	NOA = No activity	Yes	No
			TAK/TK2/TK3 = Taken/2 nd time/3 rd time	Yes	No
			RDO/RD2 = Redo/2 nd time (requested by SVPI if fingerprints are unclassifiable or missing)	Yes	No
			NOD = No decision †	Yes	No
			EXP = Expired	Yes	No
			NRQ = Not required (age)	No	Yes
			EXC = Exception/waived for medical reasons	No	Yes
			CLR = Clear	No	Yes
			NCL = Not clear	Yes*, for likely DD	No*

*The officer can stamp a case denied regardless of the security check result response code (e.g. NOA, CLR, SCH, etc.), *except if the response code is NCL*. If the case has an NCL security check, the officer *must* place the case on hold for the corresponding security check and recommend denial. For example, if AB-123456 is IAC NCL, the officer would place AB-123456 on hold for IAC with an annotation, e.g., “Recommend denial (PA is inadmissible), IAC NCL.” The officer must also place all cases that are linked, either through cross-reference or family tree relationship, to any case with an NCL security check result on hold as well. For example, if AB-123456 is IAC NCL, the officer would place all linked cases on hold for IAC as well, with the annotation “Cross-referenced case AB-123456 IAC NCL.” If, after review at RAD HQ, SVPI recommends the case(s) be denied as a matter of discretion, SVPI will inform the RSC to present the case(s) to USCIS for denial.

**Applicants do not age out of the SAO requirement. If an applicant previously received an SAO, the applicant will always need a valid SAO (NRQ or CLR) in order to travel.

***Certain stateless Palestinians requiring SAOs include those who: 1) were born in any country listed above, 2) are currently residing in any country listed above, 3) resided in any country listed above immediately prior to fleeing to their current country of asylum, or 4) spent more than five cumulative years during their life in any country listed above.

† If the officer encounters an FP NOD in the field, please ask the relevant lines of questioning provided by SVPI.