



# Internal I-9 Audit Checklist

Ensuring compliance with federal Form I-9 requirements doesn't have to be overwhelming. Following best practices and conducting regular internal audits can help you catch errors, avoid penalties, and keep your workforce documentation in order.

## Mitrates's I-9 Audit Checklist

- ☐ Confirm that each employee (unless hired before November 7, 1986) has a Form I-9 on file.
- ☐ Verify Section 1 was completed on or before the first day of employment.
- ☐ Verify Section 2 was completed within three business days of hire.
- ☐ If you keep copies of employment authorization documents, check that information against the information on the employee's Form I-9.
- ☐ Ensure forms are stored separately from personnel records.
- ☐ Check that retention periods are being followed.
- ☐ Make sure corrections are properly dated and initialed, not backdated or concealed.
- ☐ Review whether copies of documents are being made consistently.
- ☐ Ensure the current Form I-9 version is being used for new hires.
- ☐ Check for missing Form I-9s and complete them promptly if discovered.
- ☐ Confirm your compliance with E-Verify rules, if applicable.



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