

Therefore, only the DHS NEPA Instruction Manual and the extraordinary circumstances contained therein would be reviewed as to whether the proposed action has the potential to result in significant effects for actions DHS is intending to apply a USDA or a NASA CE. If DHS determines that a CE is not appropriate to support a decision on a particular proposed action due to extraordinary circumstances, DHS would prepare an EA or EIS. Consistent with the DHS NEPA Instruction Manual, DHS will document each application of these CEs in the DHS Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Decision Support System.

IV. Consultation With Agencies and Determination of Appropriateness

In July, August, and December of 2025 and January of 2026, DHS consulted with BOR, FSA, USFWS, and NASA about the appropriateness of the Department's adoption of their respective categorical exclusions. Those consultations each included a review of each agency's or bureau's experience in establishing and applying the categorical exclusions, as well as DHS's intended uses for the categorical exclusions. Based on those consultations and reviews, DHS has determined that the types of activities DHS proposes to authorize are substantially similar to the activities for which BOR, USFWS, FSA, and NASA have applied their respective categorical exclusions. Accordingly, the impacts of the DHS actions would be substantially similar to the impacts of each establishing agency's actions, which are not significant, absent the existence of extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, DHS has determined that DHS's proposed use of the CEs, as described within this notice is appropriate.

V. Notice to the Public and Documentation of Adoption

This notice serves to identify to the public and document DHS's adoption of BOR, USFWS, FSA, and NASA categorical exclusions and identifies the types of actions to which DHS contemplates applying the actions at this time. Upon issuance of this notice, the adopted of BOR, USFWS, FSA, and NASA categorical exclusions will be available to DHS and accessible on [DHS.gov](https://www.dhs.gov/ocrso/eed/epb/nepa) at <https://www.dhs.gov/ocrso/eed/epb/nepa>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Notice of Approval of New Credentialing Organization for Health Care Workers for Certain Immigration Purposes

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS or the Department), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing this document to inform the public of the approval of a new credentialing organization, The Evaluation Company, for certain health care workers for immigration purposes. **DATES:** USCIS approved the application from The Evaluation Company on March 27, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Business and Foreign Workers Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746; or by phone at 240-721-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 212(a)(5)(C) and 212(r) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(C) and (r), as well as the DHS regulations at 8 CFR 214.1(i) and (j) and 212.15(a) and (n)(3), require that an alien who seeks admission to the United States as a nonimmigrant or immigrant, or who is the beneficiary of a change of status request, or who is applying for adjustment of status, for the purpose of performing labor in certain health care occupations is inadmissible unless he or she presents a certificate from an authorized credentialing organization. DHS regulations at 8 CFR 212.15(e)(1) through (3) expressly authorize the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS),¹ the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), and the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) to issue such certificates. In addition, DHS regulations list CGFNS as authorized to issue alternative certified statements

under INA section 212(r), 8 U.S.C. 1182(r). *See* 8 CFR 212.15(h).

DHS regulations also establish detailed standards for the approval of additional credentialing organizations after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and USCIS has created an adjudicatory framework for the filing and adjudication of those applications using Form I-905, *Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers*. 8 CFR 212.15(j) and (k). The regulations also provide for periodic review and, if necessary, termination of credentialing organizations. 8 CFR 212.15(l) and (m). Finally, the regulations direct DHS to notify the public of the approval of additional credentialing organizations by publishing notices in the **Federal Register**. 8 CFR 212.15(e) and (h).

USCIS maintains a complete list of organizations authorized to issue health care certifications and certified statements on its website along with guidance on certificates for health care workers at <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/temporary-workers/health-care-worker-certification>.

In accordance with 8 CFR 212.15(e) and (h), USCIS is providing notice that on March 27, 2026, following its review of the Form I-905, *Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers*, submitted by The Evaluation Company and consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, it has approved the application from The Evaluation Company as an organization authorized to issue certificates and certified statements under sections 212(a)(5)(C) and 212(r) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(C) and (r), for aliens seeking to enter the United States for the primary purpose of working as registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and licensed vocational nurses. Pursuant to 8 CFR 212.15(k), the authorization is valid for 5 years starting on March 27, 2026, and ending on Thursday, March 27, 2031.

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¹ On December 18, 2024, CGFNS International, Inc. filed Articles of Amendment with the Pennsylvania Department of State to change its name to TruMerit.