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Alternative Identity 106-07040050

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Background

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Difficulty confirming identity

It is important to establish confidence in a person's identity. The agency can:

- help protect customers from identity theft, **and**
- prevent other types of identity crime

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[Social Security Guide, 2.2.1.10 General procedures for confirming & verifying identity](#)

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Family Assistance Guide

[Family Assistance Guide, 5.1, General provisions for gathering information](#)

Legislation

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[Social Security \(Administration\) Act 1999](#)

- section 5, Manner of giving notice
- section 8, Principles of administration
- section 109, Date of effect of favourable determination resulting from review

- section 192, General power to obtain information
- section 195, Obtaining information to verify claims etc.
- section 196, Written notice of requirement
- section 197, failure to comply with requirement
- section 198, Obligations not affected by State or Territory laws

[Family Assistance \(Administration\) Act 1999](#)

- section 7, How to claim
- section 154, General power to obtain information
- section 157, Obtaining information to verify claims etc.
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Alternative Identity reviews 106-07040060

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This document outlines information about Alternative Identity reviews. s47E(d)
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Service Officers **must** have a conversation with the customer when doing the initial Alternative Identity assessment, or a future Alternative Identity assessment. s47E(d)

The conversation **must** be done face-to-face or over the phone where appropriate.

This lets staff to:

- understand the customer's circumstances to determine an appropriate decision and accurate coding
- tell customers of their identity obligations and timeframe to give documents and/or to satisfy linkage requirements
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Customers can give documents to satisfy their identity requirements:

- in person:
 - at a service centre, **or**
 - [Agent site](#)

- by post
- [upload](#) them through their Centrelink online account, **or**
- by phone when coded and verified in the **s47E(d)**
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[Confirmation of Identity - Verification for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people \(RA010\)](#)

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Coding identity documents 106-09010010

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This document outlines the process for coding identity document details through the s47E(d) Direct.

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Social Security Guide

[Social Security Guide, 8.1.3.10, Provision of Information](#)

[Social Security Guide 2.2.1.10. General procedures for confirming & verifying identity.](#)

[Social Security Guide, 2.2.1.40, Customers Experiencing Difficulty with Identity Verification](#)

Family Assistance Guide

[Family Assistance Guide, 2.1.1.15, Verification of Child's Name & Date of Birth](#)

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[A New Tax System \(Family Assistance\) \(Administration\) Act 1999](#)

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External website

Document Verification Service

[Document Verification Service \(DVS\) website](#)

Australia State and Territory motor vehicle licencing authorities

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Commencement of Identity 106-07040070

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This document outlines how to verify a customer's Commencement of Identity (Col) in Australia. This helps determine eligibility for most Centrelink payments and services.

Identity requirements

To determine eligibility for [payments and services that require identity confirmation](#), customers need to prove their identity to Services Australia, see [Identity Confirmation](#).

Customers must provide **one** acceptable identity document for **each** category below:

- Commencement of Identity (Col)
 - A customer can demonstrate Col in Australia by providing documents that confirm their birth in Australia or arrival in Australia, establishing the customer's existence in Australia. These documents are issued by the Australian

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[Family Assistance \(Administration\) Act 1999](#)

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Forms (staff)

[Department of Home Affairs Citizenship Details Request Form](#)

Services Australia website

[How to prove your identity with Centrelink](#)

External websites

Check visa details and conditions

[Department of Home Affairs](#) > select Visas > When you have a visa > Check visa details and conditions

Australian State and Territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages

[Australian Capital Territory](#)

[New South Wales](#)

[Northern Territory](#)

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Identity Confirmation 106-09010000

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This document outlines how to complete Centrelink Identity Confirmation processes.

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[Authenticating a Centrelink customer](#)

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[Circumstance Change Monitor \(CCM\)](#)

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Identity confirmation and refugees 005-02010000

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Background

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This document explains the identity confirmation requirements for refugees/newly arrived refugees who lodge new claims with the Services Australia upon first arrival.

Reasons identity confirmation documents may not be accessible

Refugees, newly arrived refugees often have difficulties in providing enough identity confirmation to meet Services Australia requirements for new claims.

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Related links

[Temporary Protection, Humanitarian, Safe Haven and Return Pending Visas](#)

[Resolution of Status \(RoS\) visa \(Class CD\)](#)

[Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Program](#)

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Process

Identity confirmation for new claims for refugees

References

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[Guide to Social Security Law, 8.1.3.10, Provision of Information](#)

[Guide to Social Security Law, 2.2.1.10, General procedures for confirming & verifying identity](#)

[Guide to Social Security Law, 2.2.1.40, Persons Experiencing Difficulty with Identity Verification](#)

[Family Assistance Guide, 2.1.1.15, Verification of Child's Name & Date of Birth](#)

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- section 72, Provisions relating to notice
- section 192, General power to obtain information
- section 195, Obtaining information to verify claims etc
- section 196, Written notice of requirement
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- section 198, Obligations not affected by State or Territory laws

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