

Entity Validation Documentation Requirements



Instructions:

- For proof of name and/or address, choose document(s) from **List A**. At least one document must have both your full, correct legal business name and current, correct physical address.
- For proof of your entity start year and state, choose document(s) from **List B**.
- For proof of your national identifier (international entities only), choose a document(s) from **List C**.

List A - Name and/or Address	List B - Start Year and State of Incorporation	List C - National Identifier (international only)
<p>Most Commonly Used Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Bank Statements* (redact information that isn't necessary for validation) • Certificate of Formation/Organization (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Department of Treasury IRS letter assigning your EIN • Secretary of State Certificate of Filing • Screenshot/PDF file of your business profile* in your state's online business registry or Secretary of State website (must be current registration and must include the registry URL) • Utility Bill* (water, gas, or electric only) <p>Other Documents You Can Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws for your company (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Certificate of Good Standing* issued by your state to your business that contains date of incorporation, organization, or establishment • City Business Tax Certificate* • Department of Treasury IRS Tax Exemption Status Letter* • "Doing-business-as" or DBA document (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Driver's License (for sole proprietors or individuals doing-business-as only; must be <i>non-expired</i> and have your exact name) • IRS Form 8822-B or Form 990 for address change (filed only) • IRS forms marked as received by the IRS or processed by a CPA or e-filing software (e.g., Form 1040 with schedule C for sole proprietors) • IRS Form 1099* if you are the recipient (not the filer) • License to Operate* (issued by city, state) • Limited Liability Company Articles/Articles of Amendment (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Partnership documentation (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Passport (may only be used by sole proprietors or individuals doing-business-as where the physical business address is on the passport; must be non-expired and have your exact name and address. Passports without addresses or with addresses that are different than your physical business address cannot be used) • Share Certificate • State Sales and Use Tax Permit* • Tax invoice* (federal, state, local, international) • Town charter, documentation from state governments for town's formation; Governor's declarations; formal resolution from town council establishing office. 	<p>Most Commonly Used Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Certificate of Formation/Organization (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Department of Treasury IRS letter assigning your EIN • Secretary of State Certificate of Filing • Screenshot/PDF file of your business profile* in your state's online business registry or Secretary of State website (must be current registration and must include the website URL) <p>Other Documents You Can Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws for your company (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Certificate of Good Standing* issued by your state to your business that contains date of incorporation, organization, or establishment • "Doing-business-as" or DBA document (if stamped as filed with an authority) • IRS forms marked as received by the IRS or processed by a CPA or e-filing software (e.g., Form 1040 with schedule C for sole proprietors, only if it contains your business start date) • Limited Liability Company Articles/Articles of Amendment (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Partnership documentation (if stamped as filed with an authority) • Town charter, documentation from state governments for town existence; Governor's declarations; formal resolution from town council establishing office, if it contains the date your entity began 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenshot/PDF file of your business profile* in your country's official online business registry (must be current registration and must include the registry URL). <i>Do not submit screens from U.S. federal websites.</i> • Government-issued proof of tax identification number, employer identification number, or other identifier issued by your government. • Government-issued tax receipt/return • Passport (for sole proprietors or individuals doing-business-as only; must be non-expired and have your exact name and address) <p>All international documents must have a satisfactory English language translation attached.</p>

Your documents must show your entity information **exactly** as you entered it in the Enter Entity Information screen on SAM.gov. Documents in List A and List B with an asterisk (*) **must** be 5 years old or less.