Attorneys and Fully Accredited Representatives Registration Process

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To practice before an immigration court or the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), attorneys¹ and fully accredited representatives² must first **register online** with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). After submitting the required information online, attorneys and representatives **must complete the identity validation process** by presenting photo identification within 90 calendar days of registering online.

Registration is for individuals only and not law firms. At this time, representatives with partial accreditation, law students, law graduates, reputable individuals or accredited foreign government officials may not register.

Step 1: Online Registration

- 1. To register online, go to the **Account Registration** site.
- 2. Select Attorney or Fully Accredited Representative. Click Next.
- 3. Create a User ID according to the instructions criteria. Click Next.
- 4. Create a **Password** according to the instructions criteria. Click **Next**.
- 5. Enter your First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth and Email. Click Next.
- 6. Enter your Firm Name or select Org Name, Address, Telephone number and Email. Click Next.
- 7. Attorneys Only: Select the jurisdiction (s) in which you are eligible to practice law and are a member of the bar in good standing and enter **Bar Number**(s). Click **Next**.
- 8. Review the details you entered, read the Perjury Statement and click the checkbox, verify you are not a robot, and then click **Submit**. Confirmation of EOIR Account Request being successfully submitted appears.

Step 2: Identity Validation

Once the account registration information is submitted, registrants will receive an email confirmation that their account request has been received. To complete the registration process, attorneys and representatives must present photo identification to EOIR within 90 calendar days of registering online.

¹ EOIR defines an attorney as any person who is eligible to practice law in, and is a member of good standing of the bar of the highest court of any State, possession, territory, or Commonwealth of the United States or of the District of Columbia, and is not under any order suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbarring, or otherwise restricting him/her in the practice of law. *See* 8 CFR §1001.1(f).

² An accredited representative is a non-attorney who is designated by a recognized organization and accredited by EOIR to represent individuals before the immigration courts, the BIA, and/or DHS. *See* 8 CFR § 1292.1(a)(4).

There are two options for identity validation: in person and virtual. In-person validation can take place at any immigration court or the Board of Immigration Appeals during regular business hours. Virtual validation takes place via online meeting during select hours.

The process for both these options is described in detail on www.justice.gov/eoir/eregistry-program.

Acceptable forms of photo identification

(As of March 4, 2022. Check the <u>eRegistration Validation Process (justice.gov)</u> page for the latest information.)

- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Employment Authorization Document/Card that contains a photograph and date of birth (Form I-766)
- Driver's license or identification (ID) card issued by a state or outlying possession of the U.S., provided it contains a photograph and date of birth
- ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph and date of birth on the ID
- U.S. Military ID card or draft record (if it contains a photograph and date of birth on the ID)

Upon verification of the registrant's identity, EOIR staff will activate the account and an email will be sent, with a unique EOIR ID number, to the email address that was provided during the first step of the registration process. This EOIR ID number should be used on all Notices of Entry of Appearance.

First Time Login

Approved users may log into their accounts. To clarify, use the User ID and Password to access accounts in the online application. Use the EOIR ID when conducting business with EOIR. Append the User ID with @gtw.eoir.justice.gov when logging in. First time account users will need to complete the Password Maintenance process. This involves selecting questions and providing answers that may be used as identity verification for password resets at a later date.

There are *Forgot User ID* and *Forgot Password* options on portal.eoir.justice.gov that can be used to retrieve User IDs and reset Passwords. Users are required to reset their password every 90 days.

For Further Assistance with EOIR's Account Registration Process Contact: eRegistration.info@usdoj.gov