

SAVE Affidavit must be completed and returned in order to receive an occupation tax certificate (business license)

The Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 that was adopted by the Georgia General Assembly requires cities and counties to verify the legal status of applicants for Georgia “public benefits.” Specifically, the City of Decatur must “require every applicant for such benefit to execute a signed and sworn affidavit verifying the applicant's lawful presence in the United States” (OCGA § 50-36-1(e)).

The State of Georgia has defined “public benefits” to include occupation tax certificates (business licenses), alcoholic beverage licenses and certain other government services. In order to receive your annual occupation tax certificate you must complete the affidavit on the back of this form and return it to City Hall.

The City cannot issue an occupation tax certificate without a completed affidavit. All applicants that fail to submit this affidavit must be reported as required by OCGA § 50-36-1(i) to the State.

As required by the State of Georgia through OCGA § 50-36-1(e), the City of Decatur must verify your eligibility for Georgia “public benefits” through the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security before a license is issued.

The above requirements are mandated to the City of Decatur by the State of Georgia. If you have questions or concerns about Georgia’s Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 or OCGA § 50-36-1, contact your state legislator.

SAVE Affidavit

Verifying Applicant Status for City of Decatur Public Benefit

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a public benefit referenced in O.C.G.A. §50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my City of Decatur, Georgia, application for:

- Alcohol license Business license or occupation tax certificate
 Taxi permit

If person is applying on behalf of a business, specify the name and address of the business:

_____ Business name

_____ Business address

- 1) _____ I am a United States citizen OR
2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident (LPR) 18 years of age or older or I am otherwise a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.*

If #2 is selected above, a copy of one of the following documents must be attached:

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| 1. Unexpired foreign passport | 7. Naturalization Certificate |
| 2. Employment Authorization (I-766) | 8. Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with temp I-551 language) |
| 3. Refugee Travel Document (I-571) | 9. Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94) |
| 4. Permanent Resident Card (I-551) | 10. I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) in unexpired foreign passport |
| 5. Reentry Permit (I-327) | 11. Cert. of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status (I-20) |
| 6. Certificate of Citizenship | 12. Cert. of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status (DS2019) |

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
___ DAY OF _____, 20__

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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Alien registration number for non-citizens

* Note: O.C.G.A. § 5-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their alien registration number. Because LPRs are included in the federal definition of "alien," LPRs must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below: