

This outlines new contracting requirements as they impact Early Learning Coalitions (ELCs) and early learning providers with contracts to deliver the School Readiness (SR) or Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.

The 2020 Legislature created [Section 448.095, Florida Statutes](#) to address the use of E-Verify by both private and public employers. E-Verify is an Internet-based application that employers use to confirm that a newly hired employee is authorized to work in the United States. E-Verify is operated by the Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services administration and is provided at no charge.

You can learn more about E-Verify by [clicking here](#).

Effective January 1, 2021, all contracted Providers with the Early Learning Coalition will be expected to be enrolled and utilizing E-Verify for the hiring of all staff and sub-contractors. To enroll in E-Verify [click here](#) and use this [Quick Reference Guide](#) to help you prepare for enrollment. Attached is a pdf that can also assist with setting up a new E-Verify Account.

NEW Contracted Providers after January 1, 2021, will have to complete an E-Verify Affidavit which states that the contractor "does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien." This document must be completed, signed, notarized, and uploaded into the "E-Verify Affidavit Documentation" folder in the Document Library in the Portal prior to the execution of the contract.

CURRENT Contracted Providers prior to January 1, 2021, prior to contracting for subsequent program years, will have to complete an E-Verify Affidavit which states that the contractor "does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien."