

As the UN Migration Agency, IOM is committed to enhancing access to regular migration pathways. Through its verification activities, IOM helps strengthen Member States' capacity to detect fraud by providing them with accurate information on the applicant claims and documents submitted for immigration processes, thus facilitating more efficient and timely visa issuance for migrants with legitimate documentation.

IOM has the human resources, knowledge and operational capacities to facilitate verifications for Member States in locations where they have limited or no local verification capacity and where remote verifications are impractical. Through in-person site visits, IOM facilitates the verification of immigration- related documents and/or applicant claims by the issuing authorities themselves.

IOM Verification Solutions are part of the immigration and visa-related solutions provided on behalf of Member States.



of information and execution of

verification requests.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON VERIFICATION SOLUTIONS

COVID-19 has profoundly disrupted global mobility and visa issuance, with a direct effect on the ability of States to verify documents submitted in support of visa applications and/or applicant claims. In-person verifications and document authenticity checks through site visits were hindered by lockdown measures and the closure of government and public entities. With the progressive resumption of mobility, IOM's verification networks remain in place to support Member States, facilitating document and/or claim integrity checks in support of regular migration processes.

## DOCUMENT TYPES VERIFIED BY IOM



## **Education**

- School records Transcripts Educational Certificates
- Letters of enrollment Student IDs Diplomas



#### Birth

• Birth certificate • Hospital-issued birth notifications



## Leath

Death certificates



## Court and Police

- Police clearance documents Proof of guardianship
- Adoption papers Court orders



## **Employment**

- Business Registration Letters from employer
- Tax registration certificates



#### Identity

- National ID cards Social security cards Driver's license
- Local ID cards Passports Voter IDs Refugee documents



# Marriage/Divorce

• Marriage certificates • Divorce certificates



#### Medical

• Medical records • Hospital letters • Vaccination cards

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- Baptism documents Bank statements
- Family registration and household records





Negotiations ongoing/ Currently not verifying

IOM provides verification services on behalf of multiple Member States in several countries. Pooling verification requests across several Member States can enable cost-effective operations when request volumes may be low for any single one.



GCM Objective 4: Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation

GCM Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration







SDG Target 10.7: Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies

SDG Target 16.9: By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

