

# Information for Academic Affiliates: *VA Enhanced Security Posture*

VA



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## Policy Changes

The following key changes are being implemented across VA:

- Federal Name Check, utilizing a non-U.S. citizen vetting system, for non-U.S. national personnel who have been in the country less than three years.
- At least a Tier 1 federal background investigation for all eligible VA personnel (VA appointment over 180 days, non-U.S. citizen in the country over three years) requiring access to VA facilities and/or information systems.
- PIV-Interoperability (PIV-I) cards will be issued for a period of time not to exceed 180 days, or for the length of the appointment (whichever is less). PIV-I cards can be renewed every 180 days.



*For more detailed info on policy changes, please see attached "6 Essential Questions."*

## What does this mean for Health Professions Trainees?

**Immediate Change:** Health Professions Trainees (HPTs), non-U.S. citizens in the country less than three years (foreign born and NOT issued a U.S. passport or have any legal residency status) are required to provide the following information so that a Federal Name Check can be conducted as part of the onboarding process.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ● Name                        | ● Appointment type (in VA) | ● Passport issue date      |
| ● Other last names used       | ● Citizenship              | ● Passport expiration date |
| ● Email address               | ● Country of citizenship   | ● Date of entry to U.S.    |
| ● Date of birth               | ● Country of birth         | ● Visa number              |
| ● Birth sex                   | ● Passport number          | ● Visa expiration          |
| ● U.S. social security number | ● Passport issue country   |                            |



*For more detailed info on the Federal Name Check, please see attached "Non-U.S. Citizen Resource Guide."*

**Future Changes:** HPTs in existing programs that are non-U.S. citizens will also need to provide the information above so that a Federal Name Check can be conducted. Additionally, U.S. citizen HPTs who are appointed for greater than 180 days will be required to complete an additional application (eAPP) so that a Tier 1 background investigation can be completed.



*For more info on the data collected in the eAPP, please see attached "eAPP Section Guide."*

## How you can help

Please provide VA the requested information in a timely manner during onboarding. The sooner onboarding information is gathered, the less likely there will be a delay in HPT participation in Veteran care on day one of their rotation.