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**VIBE (Validation Instrument for Business Enterprises)**

**A Word about the Program from Us**

As you can tell from the USCIS insert below, they are using this program to validate the existence of foreign-based businesses in certain immigration categories (also listed below) and at times including in Requests for Evidence (Request for Evidence) issued a suggestion that this medium be used. We not only use VIBE in response to Requests for Evidence but encourage their use on any initial submission. We provide at no cost assistance with obtaining this validation for those that purchase one of our plans.

While doubtless an excellent validation tool VIBE is, like many government-affiliated programs difficult to navigate at times. This program is entirely free to use and, more importantly, entirely free of Dun and Bradstreet marketers. Turnaround time for getting a number has been about 12 to 36 hours so we think it is well worth it. If you choose not to have us do it, we strongly suggest you visit the Dun and Bradstreet IUpdate site and complete the process yourself.

**A Word about the Program from the USCIS**

**Introduction**

The Web-based Validation Instrument for Business Enterprises (VIBE) is a tool designed to enhance USCIS' adjudications of certain employment-based immigration petitions. VIBE uses commercially available data from an independent information provider (IIP) to validate basic information about companies or organizations petitioning to employ certain alien workers. Currently, Dun and Bradstreet is the independent information provider for the VIBE program.

**Background**

When adjudicating employment-based petitions, USCIS must primarily rely on paper documentation supplied by the petitioning company or organization to establish the petitioner's eligibility for the requested classification. When petitioners' paperwork does not sufficiently document the evidence required under the law, USCIS must issue a Request for Evidence (Request for Evidence) for additional documentation, delaying final adjudication of the petition. The VIBE program has been introduced to address some of these issues.

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**VIBE Program**

VIBE allows the USCIS to electronically receive commercially available information from an IIP, currently Dun and Bradstreet, about a petitioning company or organization. This information includes:

- Business activities, such as type of business (North American Industry Classification System code), trade payment information, and status (active or inactive).
- Financial standing, including sales volume and credit standing.
- Number of employees, both on-site and globally.
- Relationships with other entities, including foreign affiliates.
- Type of office. (Examples include single entities, branches, subsidiaries and headquarters.)
- Type of legal entity. For example, LLC, partnership or corporation.
- Company executives.
- Date of establishment as a business entity.
- Current physical address.

A USCIS officer will review all information received through VIBE along with the evidence submitted by the petitioner. Adjudicators will use the information from VIBE to verify the petitioner's qualifications. For example, if a petitioner is seeking L-1 status for a beneficiary, VIBE will help adjudicators confirm that the petitioner has a foreign affiliate, which is a requirement for granting L-1 status.

Information from VIBE helps confirm the petitioners' financial viability in cases where petitioners must establish ability to pay.

USCIS will not deny a petition based upon information from VIBE without first giving the petitioner the opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. USCIS will issue a Request for Evidence or a Notice of Intent to Deny if it is necessary to resolve relevant inconsistencies or other issues that emerge upon review of VIBE-supplied information that are material to the benefit requested.

An immigration Services Officer will make a final decision based on the totality of the circumstances.

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**Your Company's Information in VIBE**

USCIS does not require companies and organizations to create or update records with Dun and Bradstreet. However, as of December 2011, if your entity is a United States-based privately held company or organization and you would like to create, verify or correct its Dun and Bradstreet record, you may contact Dun and Bradstreet directly online through the firm's new streamlined process for United States-based privately held USCIS petitioners and other United States government customers.

Contacting Dun and Bradstreet from this link will allow these USCIS petitioners to create, update and view basic elements of their company's or organization's Dun and Bradstreet report without being subjected to direct marketing from Dun and Bradstreet. This new, streamlined IUpdate for United States government customer's process is only available for United States-based, privately held companies.

IUpdate for United States government customers is a free, password-protected and encrypted online service tool offered by Dun and Bradstreet. Its users will be asked a series of short challenge questions, based on geographical and demographic data, to authenticate and establish an ID and password. Only those with access to your established ID and password will be able to access your business information. If you have already received an Request for Evidence (request for evidence) because the USCIS cannot validate your business through VIBE, we will be glad to apply for this on your behalf if you engage us to do your business plan. Once the project is initiated you will receive a VIBE questionnaire from us. If you are just preparing to make your initial submission of a business plan, we will do it for you as well. The USCIS treats all VIBE submissions as priority requests and usually turns around the VIBE certificate in one business day. We offer submission of the VIBE form as a free service to our clients ordering any business plan from us. The requirement is that our VIBE questionnaire be filled out completely.

Please note that whether or not you choose to create a record or update your record with Dun and Bradstreet, you must respond to any Request for Evidence or Notice of Intent to Deny you receive from USCIS. Failure to respond directly to USCIS could result in the denial of your petition.

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Nonimmigrant Classifications Included in VIBE

- E-1, treaty trader
- E-2, treaty investor
  
- E-3, member of specialty occupation who is a national of the Commonwealth of Australia
  
- H-1B, specialty occupation worker
  
- H-1B1, specialty occupation worker from Chile or Singapore
  
- H-1B2, worker performing services related to a Department of Defense cooperative research and development project or coproduction project
  
- H-1B3, fashion model of distinguished merit and ability
  
- H-2A, temporary or seasonal agricultural worker
  
- H-2B, temporary nonagricultural worker
  
- H-3, trainee or special education exchange visitor
  
- L-1A, intracompany transferee in a managerial or executive position
  
- L-1B, intracompany transferee in a position utilizing specialized knowledge
  
- LZ, blanket L petition
  
- Q-1, international cultural exchange visitor
  
- R-1, religious worker
  
- TN, NAFTA professional from Canada or Mexico.

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### Sample VIBE Form

The screenshot shows the Dun & Bradstreet iUpdate website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Company, History & Operations, Payments, Banking & Finance, and Public Filings. Below the navigation bar, a yellow banner states: "This D&B report is provided for your company's internal review. It may not be used for any other purpose or provided to anyone else." The main content area is divided into sections: HISTORY, Operations, and SIC & NAICS. The HISTORY section shows information reported on 03/07/13. The Operations section shows a date of 2013-02-07. The SIC & NAICS section shows a SIC code of 87220000 (Management consulting services) and a NAICS code of 541811 (Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services). The footer contains the text "Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., 2000-2013. All rights reserved." and "FAQs | Contact Us".

If you would like to do this yourself, go to the following website:  
<https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/viewiUpdateHome.htm>

These are the screens you will encounter and, in addition, you will be asked a series of challenge questions involving things such as the following information: your social security number, current or previous address, date of birth, and previous telephone numbers. The questions are intended to be things that only you would know. Likely, the correct answer will be among the multiple choice items but on occasion no answer will be correct.

The screenshot shows the Dun & Bradstreet iUpdate registration process. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for iUpdate Home, Get a D-U-N-S® Number, Business Credit Basics, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, a progress bar shows the current step: STEP 1: Company Look-up. The progress bar is labeled "0% Completed". The main content area is divided into two sections: "Get Started, Locate Your Company" and "Select Your Company from the List Below". The "Get Started, Locate Your Company" section includes a "Search Tips" section and a form with fields for "Business Name" and "City". The "Select Your Company from the List Below" section includes a table with columns for "Company Name", "Bus. Type", and "Company Address". The footer contains the text "© Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., 2000-2013. All rights reserved." and "Get a D-U-N-S® Number | Business Directory | Business Credit Basics | FAQs | Contact Us | Privacy Policy".

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**?** Don't see your company listed, Click the arrow below ▾

**1. Need just a D-U-N-S® Number?** Click the arrow below to receive your D-U-N-S® Number within 30 business days at no charge.

Get a D-U-N-S number

**2. Additional services to monitor and build your Dun & Bradstreet file** are available through **Dun & Bradstreet's CreditBuilder** service. Good credit is the lifeline of your business. It enables you to obtain funding for things like expansion, capital expenditures, research and development, and staffing. Through CreditBuilder you have access to:

- Your company payment history, Dun & Bradstreet credit scores and ratings
- Email alerts that notify you when an inquiry is made on your company
- Ability to add credit references to your file to enhance your company's Dun & Bradstreet credit scores and ratings
- Dun & Bradstreet credit limit recommendation for your company
- A Full and Complete credit file built within 5 business days

Please call [1-888-814-1435](tel:1-888-814-1435) today to build your credit profile with **Dun & Bradstreet's CreditBuilder**.

Good business credit can earn you lower rates, strengthening your cash flow.

[Update Home](#) | [Business Credit Basics](#) | [Contact Us](#)

**Home** > **Personal Info.** > **STEP 1** 2 3 4 5 6 **0% Completed**

Personal Info. | Company Info. | Review Details | Processing Options | Request Confirmation | Order Complete

**?** **User Registration and Authentication** **\* Denotes required fields**

**Note:** The information on this page will be used to validate your identity and create your user profile. The data on this page will not appear in your business report.

**Your Information:**

\* Full Legal First Name:  \* Title at this Business:

\* Full Legal Last Name:  Professional License:

**Contact Information:**

**Note:** Enter the preferred business email and business phone number you can be reached at if we need to contact you regarding this new D-U-N-S Number request. Your new D-U-N-S Number will be sent to the Business Email provided upon completion.

\* Business Email:  \* Business Phone:

**Identity Validation Details:** ?

**Note:** The information in this section will be used to authenticate your identity only. Failure to enter accurate information may cause your request to fail. Home information will not be used for marketing or displayed in your company credit report. Please provide your physical home address and phone number in the following section.

\* Home Address 1:  Suite/Apt #:

\* Home City:  \* Home State:  \* Home Zip:  \* Home Country:

\* Home Phone:

**Company Information:**

**Note:** Legal Business Name of the business is how the business is registered with the IRS, Secretary of State, or used for legal purposes. Sole Proprietorships must use the owner's full legal name. E.g. John H Smith Junior should be entered as Smith Jr, John H.

\* Name of the Business:

(Full legal name. Proprietorships must use the owner's full legal name)

**Note:** Company Address is the primary physical location of the business. Includes suites and/or floor numbers. Does not include APOs, FPOs or Personal Mailboxes. Abbreviate street types. No punctuation. Example: 123 E. Main Street, Suite 24 should be formatted to 123 E Main St Ste 24. For correct formatting please go to [USPS website](#).

\* Company Address:

(No APO, FPO, Personal Mail Box)

\* Company City:  \* Company State:  \* Company Zip:

\* Company Phone:

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**\* SIC & NAICS** [?](#)

**Instructions:** To Add new SIC code, please click on the **Add SIC** button. To delete added SIC code, click corresponding image in Remove section. The corresponding North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code will be automatically matched and populated based on the SIC code that you have selected.

SIC:		NAICS:	
Remove SIC	Description	NAICS	Description

[Add SIC](#)

**Operational Information**

\* Total number of employees for all locations (including principals and part time):

Primary place of business: (Please select either) [?](#)     Residence     Commercial [?](#)

The company maintains additional locations:     Yes     No [?](#)

**Branch & Subsidiary Locations**

**Instructions:** To add a new branch, enter the requested information in the **address, city, state and country** and **zip code** fields. Once you have filled in the required data click on the **Add New Branch** button to update the section.

New Location: [?](#)

DUNS	*Company Name	*Address	*City	*State	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Line Business	# of Employees	*Contact at this location	*Contact Phone#	*Business type
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

[Add New](#)

**Management Information** [Click here to Edit](#)

Executive Principal			
First Name	Last Name	Title	Email Address

**Owner(s) / Officer(s)**

**No Principals / Officers added**

**Company Operations** [Click here to Edit](#)

SIC & NAICS				
S.No.	SIC Code	SIC Description	NAIC Code	NAIC Description

**Operational Information**

**Maintains additional locations ?**

**Total number of employees:**

**Order Reason**

\*Reason for needing a DUNS number?

Again, if you order one of our products and need a VIBE certification, we will submit it for you. Our list of required information is shown below. All requested information is mandatory since the Dun and Bradstreet website can be hard to navigate.

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**Validation Instrument for Business Enterprise Questionnaire**

The First Name of the Person Requesting This Report	
The Last Name of the Person Requesting This Report	
Title at the Business (For example, Owner or Manager)	
Business E-mail	
Business Phone	
Home Address of the Person Requesting This Report	
Home City of the Person Requesting This Report	
Home State of the Person Requesting This Report	
Home Zip Code	
Home Phone Number	
Social Security Number of the Person Requesting Report	
Date of Birth of the Person Requesting Report	
Full Legal Name of the Business	
Company Street Address	
Company City	
Company State	
Company Zip Code	
Company Phone Number	
Total Number of Company Employees	
Company Executive First Name, If Different than Above	
Company Executive Last Name, If Different than Above	
Company Executive Title	
Company Executive E-mail Address	
First Name of L1 Applicant, If Different than Above	
Last Name of L1 Applicant, If Different than Above	
Title of L1 Applicant	
Name of Foreign Parent Company	
Foreign Parent Company Address	
Foreign Parent Company City	
Foreign Parent Company State or Province	
Foreign Parent Company Country	
Foreign Parent Company Contact	
Foreign Parent Company Contact Phone Number	
Foreign Parent Company Contact E-mail	