

Vendor Information Pages (VIP) Not Linked Fact Sheet

VIP is not linked to firms that self-certify with the Small Business Administration or register with the System of Award Management

Summary:

Vendor Information Page (VIP) is not linked to information maintained by the Small Business Administration (SBA) or System for Award Management (SAM).

Discussion:

VIP, which is maintained by CVE, is not linked to firms that self-certify with SBA or register with SAM. Some small business owners incorrectly believe that self-certification with SBA or registration with SAM automatically qualifies a firm for designation as a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) or Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB). Additionally, some small business owners believe when a firm self-certifies via other federal entities, it automatically qualifies the firm to be listed in VIP. This is not the case with VA.

The VA verification process is governed by 38 CFR Part 74, a federal regulation that requires specific business documents be provided in support of a verification application. When an applicant firm is approved, it is added to the VIP listing of SDVOSBs and VOSBs.

Firms completing the reverification process before its current verification expires will continue to be listed in VIP.

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Once a firm's verification expires, it is removed from VIP. If a firm's verification expires during the time its reverification application is being processed, the expiration occurs as scheduled.

Once a firm's reverification application is approved, it is listed in VIP on the date the reverification occurs.

Business documents required in support of a verification application depend on the firm's business type structure (e.g., sole proprietorship, limited liability company, etc.). For a list of documents required by business type and the rationale for why these documents are needed, please review Required Documents for VIP Application.

Quickly access VA verification application resources via <u>Verification Assistance</u>.

For more information about VA Small and Veteran Business Programs, visit https://www.va.gov/osdbu.

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