

.07 Approval Pending Verification of 40 Quarters of Coverage

Refer applicants to SSA whenever an application is approved pending 40 quarter verification for the following situations:

- When there are less than 40 Quarters displayed on QCIN.
- When the applicant disputes the information displayed on QCIN.
- When the applicant claims there are additional quarters of work not displayed on QCIN ([lag quarters](#)) and these additional quarters equal 40.
- When [undetermined quarters](#) are indicated.

Refer the applicant to SSA to request a Correction of Earnings Record review. Complete the following procedures:

- Request the applicant take the Referral for Benefits (FA-009) to SSA. SSA gives the applicant a copy of an SSA form to return to FAA as verification that a review of earnings has started. Give the applicant ten days to provide the verification.
- File the SSA verification form in the [case file\(g\)](#).
- Consider the applicant a [qualified noncitizen](#). When otherwise eligible, approve the case for one of the following periods of time, whichever occurs earlier:

For six months from the date of SSA's initial response
Until SSA completes the review

- Set an alert on EWAL for 45 days from the date of approval to do another request on QCRE. Allow 48 hours for the request to be processed. Upon receipt of updated information, redetermine the 40 quarter eligibility requirement and take appropriate action.
- QCIN may not contain updated information after 45 days. In this situation set an alert for 60 days from the date of case approval to do another request. Allow 48 hours for the request to be processed. Upon receipt of updated information, redetermine the 40 quarter eligibility requirement and take appropriate action.
- When updated information is not received after the 60 day request, call the [SSA local office](#) to request the status of the review.
- Retain a screen print of QCIN for each noncitizen in the case file.