

.05 Approval Pending 40 Quarters of Coverage

REVISION 09
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An applicant may be approved pending verification of 40 quarters of earnings from SSA in the following situations:

- Fewer than 40 quarters of earnings display on QCIN.
- The applicant disputes the information displayed on QCIN.
- The applicant claims there are additional lag quarters of earnings not displayed on QCIN, and these additional quarters of earnings equal 40.
- When undetermined quarters are indicated.

Refer the applicant to SSA to request a Correction of Earnings Record review and complete all of the following:

- Provide the applicant the Referral for Benefits (FA-009) to take 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.
- Place the SSA verification form in the [case file\(g\)](#).
- Consider the applicant a Qualified Noncitizen.
- When otherwise eligible, approve benefits for one of the following periods of time, whichever occurs earlier:
 - 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 request another quarters of earnings on QCRE. Allow 48 hours for the request to be processed. Upon receipt of updated information, redetermine the 40 quarters of earnings requirement and take appropriate action.

NOTE QCIN may not contain updated information after 45 days. When this occurs, set an alert on EWAL for 60 days from the date of benefit approval to place another request. When updated information is not received after the 60 day request, call the SSA local office to request the status of the review.

- Place a screen print of QCIN in the case file.