



FACT SHEET

On Feb. 6, 2018, the National Vetting Center (NVC) was established through [National Security Presidential Memorandum-9](#) (NSPM-9). The NVC is an essential and long-awaited component of the U.S. government's national vetting enterprise. It furthers the 9/11 Commission's recommendations to enhance interagency collaboration to provide a clearer picture of threats against the U.S. and enables agencies to make informed decisions and take critical actions to ensure the safety of the American people. The NVC helps to ensure the safety, security, and prosperity of the U.S. by coordinating the support provided by national security partners to vetting operations conducted by agencies charged with making immigration or travel related determinations.

- The safety and security of the American people is the highest priority for the U.S. government. In support of this priority, departments and agencies vet information provided in connection with immigration and travel-related determinations to identify individuals who present a potential threat to national security.
- The NVC, administered by the Department of Homeland Security, coordinates these vetting efforts by applying an integrated approach that uses the results from national security partners to allow analysts to develop recommendations for adjudications.
- NSPM-9 also directed the creation of an Intelligence Community Support Element (ICSE) which facilitates, guides, and coordinates all intelligence community (IC) efforts to use classified intelligence and other relevant information within IC holdings in direct support of the NVC.
- The NVC strengthens, simplifies and streamlines the complex way intelligence and law enforcement information is used to inform operational decisions, allowing agencies to contribute their unique information while complying with applicable law and policy and maintaining robust privacy, civil rights and civil liberties protections.
- The NVC provides a common technology platform and process to allow for a coordinated and comprehensive review of relevant information. It streamlines the transfer of unclassified applicant and traveler information to classified environments, where it is compared against highly restricted information held by national security partners.
- The NVC improves the identification of terrorists and other nefarious actors among the millions of individuals who seek a benefit under our immigration laws or to transit our borders.



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- The NVC operates subject to the oversight and guidance of the National Vetting Governance Board, which is supported by an interagency legal working group and separate privacy, civil rights and civil liberties working group to ensure compliance with applicable law and appropriate protection of individuals' privacy, civil rights and civil liberties.