

U.S. Department of State
Privacy Impact Assessment Summary

TITLE: Datashare
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- I. Describe the information to be collected (e.g., nature and source). Be sure to include any information in an identifiable form, e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc).**

Datashare is a transport mechanism for data between the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) and offices within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); it is not a front-end user interface for accepting data from any individual.

- II. Why is the information being collected (e.g., to determine eligibility)?**

The purpose of Datashare is to support the interagency cooperative efforts of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA), particularly the information sharing activities. Datashare exchanges current passport and visa data with various organizations within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enhance security at immigration points around the world.

- III. How will the information be used (e.g., to verify existing data)?**

The information being transferred to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance security at immigration points around the world.

- IV. Will you share the information with others (e.g., another agency for a programmatic purpose)? If yes, list the entities.**

Yes, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

- V. Describe what opportunities individuals have been given to decline to provide information or to consent to particular use of the information (e.g., whether individual may withhold permission for a particular use).**

The information has already been submitted by the applicants, thus they have no opportunity to decline.

- VI. How will the information be secured (e.g., administrative and technological controls)?**

Datashare is protected by technical, management and operational controls, all of which are documented in the System Security Plan.

VII. How will the data be retrieved (e.g., will it be retrieved by a personal identifier such as name, social security number, address, telephone number or some other identifier that is unique to an individual)?

Datashare is a transport mechanism for data between the Bureau of Consular Affairs and offices within DHS, not a front-end user interface that can be used to retrieve data. Only necessary support personnel have access to Datashare.