

So, You Want to Be a . . . Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officer

Introduction

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is responsible for an important sector of the nation's safety. It is the largest investigative agency in the Department of Homeland Security and maintains enforcement of the nation's immigration and customs law. These duties are carried out by various individuals involved in law enforcement, as well as intelligence and mission support.

Types of Careers

- Deportation Officer (DO)
- Detention and Deportation Officer (DDO)
- HIS (Homeland Security Investigations) Special Agent
- Immigration Enforcement Agent (IEA)
- Intelligence Officer
- Intelligence Research Assistant
- Intelligence Research Specialist
- Management and Program Analyst
- Mission Support Specialist
- Auditor
- Criminal Research Specialist
- Investigative Assistant
- Technical Enforcement Office

Education

An individual must possess a bachelor's degree in a related field, such as criminal justice. A master's degree or valid evidence of at least one year of graduate study is also required. The educational requirement may be waived for an applicant that is a U.S. veteran or has a significant amount of experience in law enforcement or the military.

Other Requirements/Information

ICE agents must possess several additional skills to be selected as an agent. Candidates are generally considered highly qualified if they have prior law enforcement experience, have previous U.S. military experience or are currently serving, or have previously held a leadership position in academia or another public or professional setting. Likewise, individuals with skills in a second language are also considered highly qualified. While an individual does not have to possess one or many of these skills or experience, demonstrating these qualifications can lead to fast-tracked approval for the applicant.

For More Information

<http://www.ice.gov/careers/occupation/investigator>

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<http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes333021.htm>