Human Resources

Before You Arrive

There are important steps to take before your first day on the job!

You've signed your offer letter -- now what?

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IMPORTANT ACTIONS!

#1: Activate Your NetID

Watch for an email or letter that contains your NetID and activation instructions. Your NetID gives you access to Cornell resources, and must be activated before you can proceed with the onboarding and orientation process.

- If you haven't received your NetID email or letter, contact the HR Services & Transitions Center: 607-255-3936 (TTY: 711), hrservices@cornell.edu
- If you have a prior affiliation with Cornell and are already using your NetID, you can continue to use your current password; or click here to reset your password.

#2: Enroll in Two-Step Login

Two-Step Login protects your personal and professional information at Cornell. You'll need it to access Workday in the next step.
#3: Login to Workday & Begin Your Onboarding To-Do List

**Workday** is the Cornell employee system where information such as your pay, benefits, contact, time off, and other data is maintained. When you login, your personal dashboard will direct you to important onboarding steps, including scheduling your onboarding appointment (if eligible).

- See this [Workday onboarding guide](#) for step-by-step instructions and help getting started.
- It may take up to 24 hours for your NetID to integrate with Workday (keep an eye out for the "New Hire Actions Required" email).

**Onboarding Appointment**

Eligible employees are strongly encouraged to schedule an onboarding appointment before, and no later than, your first day of work. A link to schedule this appointment will appear on your to-do list in your [Workday](#) inbox.

At your appointment, you'll receive your Cornell photo ID card and a counselor from the HR Services and Transitions Center will ensure your paperwork is completed properly, help you login to Workday, introduce you to your benefits and options, assist you with parking and transportation information, and answer any questions you may have.
**BENEFITS:**

If your position is benefits-eligible, you'll receive an email with details about your benefits options. We recommend that you review your benefits options before your onboarding appointment, so that your HRSTC counselor can answer any questions and help you enroll if you're ready. If you like, you can go into Workday to begin your enrollment (just click SAVE and EXIT in Workday), and then review with your HRST counselor before submitting. **Note:** You do not need to enroll in benefits before your first day at work; however there is a time limit for enrollment.

Check your offer letter or contact the HR Services & Transitions Center: 607-255-3936 (TTY: 711), hrservices@cornell.edu if you're not sure whether your benefits are endowed or contract college.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

**Form I-9:**

Please bring original, unexpired documents to verify your identity and employment eligibility. [List of acceptable documents for Form I-9](#) (see page 3)

**Benefits Enrollment:**

Bring identification for yourself and any other documentation needed to enroll dependents in benefits programs.

**REMOTE EMPLOYEES:**

If you won't be working in Ithaca, make sure to contact the HR Services & Transitions Center: 607-255-3936 (TTY: 711), hrservices@cornell.edu for assistance with completing and submitting your I-9 form properly.

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**Onboarding at the HR Services & Transitions Center**

If you're coming from elsewhere on campus or the Ithaca area, check out the...
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This is a general guideline; there may be variations to this outline depending on your job.

- **Formal Offer Letter:** after you've accepted a verbal or informal written offer, you will be sent a formal letter or email detailing the terms and conditions of the job offer, and information about the next steps to take. If you are eligible for benefits, this letter will state what kind of benefits you have (Endowed or Contract College). We recommend that you print and save this document for your records.

- **NetID Email:** You'll receive an email with instructions on how to activate your NetID.

- **New Hire Actions Required Email:** You'll receive an email with instructions on how to begin your onboarding process in Workday. Login as soon as possible to see an important to-do list that will get you set up as a Cornell employee!

- **Schedule Onboarding Appointment Email:** Eligible employees are strongly encouraged to schedule an onboarding appointment before, and no later than, your first day of work. You'll receive your Cornell ID, get help completing any required paperwork, plus individual consultation about your benefits, transportation, and any other questions. *(note: temporary non-benefits eligible employees won't receive this email; if you have questions, please contact the HR Services & Transitions Center: 607-255-3936 (TTY: 711), hrservices@cornell.edu)*

- **Benefits Email:** If your position is benefits-eligible, you'll receive an email detailing your enrollment options and deadlines.

*Important*: If you haven't received any of these emails or letters, contact your hiring manager or the HR Services & Transitions Center: 607-255-3936 (TTY: 711), hrservices@cornell.edu