



New Green Cards Issued by USCIS

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Effective May 11, 2010, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began issuing a new, redesigned Permanent Resident Card, commonly known as the "Green Card." The new Green Card incorporates several new security features to catch and deter immigration fraud. The new card utilizes state-of-the-art technology to prevent counterfeiting, obstruct tampering, and facilitate a quick and accurate authentication of the card.

The new features on the redesigned Green Card include optical variable ink, embedded radio frequency identification device, a laser engraved fingerprint and a unique background design. The new card features will store biometrics for quick and reliable identification of the card holder. The radio frequency identifier will also allow Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry to read the card from a distance and compare it immediately to file data. The enhanced features will better serve employers, law enforcement and immigrants, all of whom look to the Green Card as definitive proof of authorization to live and work in the United States.

The redesigned Green Card, contrary to its past, will now actually be colored green. Some previous editions were pink – despite the card's nickname. The new cards will be issued by USCIS to new applicants and individuals applying for Green Card renewals.

If you have any questions regarding the new Green Card or its impact on workplace employment verification, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov or contact your primary Foster Swift attorney.

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