

CITIZEN NOT BORN IN U.S./NONCITIZEN NATIONAL

U.S. Passport

Can be used to document citizenship for citizen born abroad.

For a noncitizen national, must be stamped “Noncitizen National.” (Note that a passport issued by another country may be used to document U.S. permanent resident status if it has the endorsement “Processed for I-551” and has a currently valid expiration date.)



U.S. Passport Card

This resembles a credit card in size and form. Though it cannot be used for international air travel, it is, like the passport book, proof of U.S. citizenship.

Certificate of Naturalization

The Certificate of Naturalization is issued to naturalized U.S. citizens.



Certificate of Citizenship

The Certificate of Citizenship is issued to persons who were born abroad of U.S. parent(s), who became citizens when their parents were naturalized, or who were adopted by U.S. parents.



A revised version of the Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550) was created in 2010.

All previously issued certificates remain valid.

Certification of Birth Abroad

Issued to U.S. citizens born abroad. Must have embossed seal of the State Department.



CITIZEN NOT BORN IN U.S./NONCITIZEN NATIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT/OTHER ELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN

Form CBP I-94

Here is a sample paper form. Although such are no longer normally issued for air and sea arrivals, legacy paper forms are still valid and in use, and one may still encounter recently issued valid paper forms.

Form CBP I-94A

Below, the computer-generated Form CBP I-94A replaces the paper Form I-94 that was completed manually. For eligible noncitizens, it must be annotated as described earlier in this chapter.

See also the I-94 website at: www.cbp.gov/I94. The website allows you to look up I-94 student data, if the student grants you permission to do so.

The image shows a sample CBP I-94A form. It includes the following fields and callouts:

- Departure Number:** 602410985 20
- Class of Admission:** B2 (indicated by a callout)
- Officer Badge Number:** 04521 (indicated by a callout)
- Date Admitted to:** Mar 20 2012 (indicated by a callout)
- Department of Homeland Security CBP I-94A (11/04) Departure Record**
- Family Name:** RAZURA RENTERIA
- First (Given) Name:** SANDRA EDITH
- Birth Date (Day Mo Yr):** 14 09 78
- Country of Citizenship:** MEXICO
- 20110921 US-VISIT 20110921 MULTIPLE**
- See Other Side** and **STAPLE HERE**

The image is a screenshot of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website. It displays the following information:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection** - Securing America's Borders
- Get I-94 Information** - I-94 FAQ
- Most Recent I-94**
- Admission (I-94) Record Number:** 54813013030
- Most Recent Date of Entry:** 2015 January 05
- Class of Admission:** F1
- Admit Until Date:** D/S
- Details provided on the I-94 information form:**
 - Last Surname:** GLOBAL
 - First (Given) Name:** CITIZEN
 - Birth Date:** 1992 January 08
 - Passport Number:** AB002000
 - Country of Issuance:** Tanzania
- Get Travel History** button
- Effective April 26, 2015, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(i).**
- If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.**
- Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.**
- For inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here.**
- Accessibility | Privacy Policy**

PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Permanent residents are issued identification cards that they are required to have in their possession at all times. The first Alien Registration Receipt Card was introduced in 1946 and through various revisions was primarily green, which caused it to be known as a “green card.” This term is still used, though the cards have changed color over the years.

Alien Registration Receipt Card I-151 (front and back)

Issued prior to June 1978 to permanent residents. Note: As of March 20, 1996, Form I-151 is no longer acceptable to USCIS as evidence of permanent residence, though it may be used to receive FSA funds.



Resident Alien Card I-551 (two versions, front only)

The I-551 is a revised version of the I-151. It was phased in beginning in January 1977 and was revised in 1989. The “Conditional Resident Alien Card” is identified by a “C” on the front and an expiration date on the back.



(1989)

Permanent Resident Card I-551 (front only for older versions, front and back for the current version)

The Permanent Resident Card was introduced in December 1997 and revised in 2004. In 2010 it was again updated, with the color green used once more in the design of the front of the card.



(1997)



(2004)



(2010)



