

Although there have been many different revisions of the **CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION**, there are two main versions issued by the INS. The more recent bears a gold embossed Great Seal of the United States in the top center portion. Earlier versions had gray or beige background designs and did not contain the embossed seal. Regardless, all certificates of naturalization were printed on watermarked paper. The watermark design of the Department of Justice seal and the letters "USA" becomes visible when this version of the document is held up to a strong light.



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The current revision of the **CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION** is similar to the previous version. It too contains a gold embossed Great Seal of the United States in the top center portion. However, the watermark design has been changed to the emblem of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) now issues these certificates.



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ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARDS

Forms I-151 and I-551 are issued to aliens who have been granted permanent resident status in the United States. They retain this status while in this country. The bearer is required to have this card in his/her possession at all times.

The first **ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD**, Form I-151, was introduced in 1946. Through 18 years of various revisions, it remained primarily green in color, causing it to become known as a "Green Card". This term is still used commonly, although the cards have not been "Green" since 1959. The I-151 cards contained no expiration date and were only required to be renewed if the recipient was under the age of 14 at the time of issuance, or if the card was lost or stolen.



NOTE: As of March 20, 1996, the Form I-151 is no longer acceptable as evidence of permanent residence.

The **RESIDENT ALIEN CARD**, Form I-551, was introduced in January 1977 and phased in over a period of time. In addition to the photograph, the I-551 contains the bearer's signature and fingerprint. As with the older I-151 cards, this version I-551 generally does not contain an expiration date.



ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD
 PERSON IDENTIFIED BY THIS CARD IS ENTITLED TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY AND WORK IN THE U.S.

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SAMPLE CARD

Form I-551

This **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT**, Form I-688B, was introduced in November 1989 and is issued to aliens who have been granted permission to be employed in the U.S. for a specific period of time. The card was produced originally with a Polaroid process and has interlocking gold lines across the front.

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Immigration and Naturalization Service

Name
 A000000000 WOTTON, SARA J.

Signature
Sara J. Wotton

Valid from Expires DOB
 11/09/90 02/08/91 09/23/69

Provision of Law
 H 274A.12(A)(06)

T Terms & Conditions:
 M NONE

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 ISSUED: 11/09/90

FORM I-688B JAN 89

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The person identified on the reverse of this card is authorized to engage in employment in the United States pursuant to Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, during the period of validity of the card and in accordance with the restricting terms stated on the reverse of the card.

This document is **VOID** if altered and may be revoked pursuant to 8 CFR 274a. This document is not evidence of citizenship or permanent residence in the United States. If this card is found, please return to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Form I-688B

In January 1997, INS began issuing a new **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD**, Form I-766. This version is a credit card-sized document. The front of the card bears the photograph, fingerprint and signature of the rightful holder. The reverse contains a standard bar code, magnetic strip, and a two-dimensional bar code which contains unique card, biographic and biometric data.

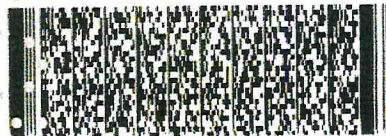
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Immigration and Naturalization Service
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD
The person identified is authorized to work in the U.S. for the validity of this card.

NAME SMITH, ADAM
Adam Smith

INS # A123456789
CARD # LINS695150646
Birthdate 11/20/71 Category A-1 Sex M
Country of Birth Antartica
Terms And Conditions None

NOT VALID FOR REENTRY TO U.S.

CARD VALID FROM 02/07/96 EXPIRES 05/13/96



This card is not evidence of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.
This document is void if altered, and may be revoked by the
Immigration and Naturalization Service. FORM I-766 Rev. (01-03-96)

Form I-766 (January 1997)

An updated **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD**, Form I-766, was introduced in May 2004. The new card is similar in appearance to the previous revision, with some modifications to the card design. The front of the document continues to show the photograph, fingerprint and signature of the bearer beneath a holographic film, but now displays the DHS seal. The reverse has a standard bar code, magnetic strip, and a two-dimensional bar code containing encoded data.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD

The person identified is authorized to work in the U.S. for the validity of this card.

NAME VOID, VOID V

Lee W Crittendon




As 000-000-376

CARD# WAC0000000376

Birthdate 01/01/50 Category C10 Sex M

Country of Birth EL Salvador

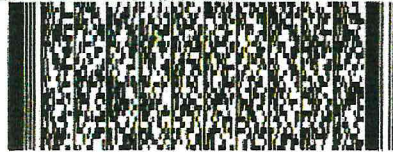
Terms and Conditions None



NOT VALID FOR REENTRY TO U.S.

CARD VALID FROM 01/01/50 EXPIRES 01/01/50

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This card is not evidence of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.
This document is void if altered, and may be revoked by the
U. S. Government FORM I-766 Rev. (05-2004)

Form I-766 (May 2004)

When an alien has been granted admission into the U.S. by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Inspector at an authorized Port of Entry, he/she will be issued an **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE RECORD**, Form I-94, the bottom portion of which is stapled to a page in the alien's passport. This document explains how long the bearer may remain in the U.S. and the terms of admission.

Departure Number

742831632 01

Immigration and
Naturalization Service
I-94
Departure Record

U.S. IMMIGRATION
WAS
ADMITTED 2002
NOV 21 2002
CLASS B-2
UNTIL MAY 20, 2003

14 Family Name DOE	
15 First (Given) Name JOHN	16 Birth Date (Day, Mo, Yr) 01, 01, 1971
17 Country of Citizenship ENGLAND	

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STAPLE HERE

Warning - A nonimmigrant who accepts unauthorized employment is subject to deportation.

Important - Retain this permit in your possession; *you must surrender it when you leave the U.S.* Failure to do so may delay your entry into the U.S. in the future.

You are authorized to stay in the U.S. only until the date written on this form. To remain past this date, without permission from immigration authorities, is a violation of the law.

Surrender this permit when you leave the U.S.:

- By sea or air, to the transportation line;
- Across the Canadian border, to a Canadian Official;
- Across the Mexican border, to a U.S. Official.

Students planning to reenter the U.S. within 30 days to return to the same school, see "Arrival-Departure" on page 2 of Form I-20 prior to surrendering this permit.

Record of Changes

Port: Departure Record

Date:

Carrier:

Flight #/Ship Name:

For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

Form I-94

Don't get after 1-2 years Card!

Many ports of entry along the land borders with Canada and Mexico began using a modified **Form CBP I-94A** in late 2004. The new form is computer generated, with both the bearer's personal information and the terms of admission printed onto the form instead of written by hand.

Departure Number
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Department of Homeland Security
CBP I-94A (11/04)
Departure Record

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09/17/2007

Family Name SAMPLE	
First (Given) Name AHMET	Birth Date (Day Mo. Yr) 22, 12, 50
Country of Citizenship PAKISTAN	

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Surrender this permit when you leave the U.S.:

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- Across the Canadian border, to a Canadian Official;
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Record of Changes

Part: Departure Record

Date:

Carrier:

Flight # / Ship Name:

Form CBP I-94A

The U.S. Department of State introduced a new **BORDER CROSSER CARD**, Form DSP-150 in May 1998. The front of the card has a three line machine readable zone and a hologram. Bearers of this card are **not entitled to work in the U.S.**



FRONT



REVERSE

The Optical Memory Stripe contains encoded cardholder information as well as a personalized etching which depicts the bearer's photo, name, date of birth, and card expiration date.