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There are 16 new classes of admission (COAs) for employment-based immigrant categories under the Gold Card program, established by [Executive Order 14351](#). The Gold Card program is available to individuals who make an unrestricted gift to the Department of Commerce under [15 U.S.C. 1522](#) (or for whom a corporation or similar entity makes such a gift), and their spouse and children.

The Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security have created these COAs for the Gold Card program:

- G11 - Gold Card Ind Sponsor 1st Pref INA203(b) (Arrival);
- G12 - Spouse of G11 or G14 (Arrival);
- G13 - Child of G11 or G14 (Arrival);
- G14 - Gold Card Corp Sponsor 1st Pref INA203(b) (Arrival);
- G16 - Gold Card Ind Sponsor 1st Pref INA203(b) (Adjustment);
- G17 - Spouse of G16 or G19 (Adjustment);
- G18 - Child of G16 or G19 (Adjustment);
- G19 - Gold Card Corp Sponsor 1st Pref INA203(b) (Adjustment);
- G21 - Gold Card Ind Sponsor 2nd Pref INA203(b) (Arrival);
- G22 - Spouse of G21 or G24 (Arrival);
- G23 - Child of G21 or G24 (Arrival);
- G24 - Gold Card Corp Sponsor 2nd Pref INA203(b) (Arrival);
- G26 - Gold Card Ind Sponsor 2nd Pref INA203(b) (Adjustment);
- G27 - Spouse of G26 or G29 (Adjustment);
- G28 - Child of G26 or G29 (Adjustment); and

- G29 - Gold Card Corp Sponsor 2nd Pref INA203(b) (Adjustment).

Documentation

Individuals with these COAs are immigrants.

They may present the following documentation that contains any of the above COAs, including:

- Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card (this specific version is also known as a Gold Card);
- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record with a Temporary I-551 Permanent Resident Stamp;
- Foreign passport with a Temporary I-551 Permanent Resident Stamp; or
- Foreign passport with a temporary I-551 machine-readable immigrant visa.

For additional information about documentation, visit SAVE's [Commonly Used Immigration Documents](#) webpage.

SAVE Verification

SAVE will now provide an initial verification response of “Lawful Permanent Resident - Employment Authorized” for the 16 Gold Card COAs listed above.

An agency should request Additional Verification when the:

- Automated SAVE response is unexpected;
- Automated SAVE response is not sufficient for an agency to make a benefit eligibility determination; or
- Benefit applicant disagrees with the SAVE response.

SAVE Additional Verification provides a detailed verification response, including:

- Additional immigration statuses and categories, if any; and
- Pending immigration applications.

Additional Information

- Federal Register [90 FR 46031](#), Sept. 24, 2025
- [USCIS Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for the Gold Card Program](#)

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