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RM 10210.800 Documents issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) bears responsibility for facilitating legal immigration and naturalizing new U.S. citizens and providing a range of other immigration services. DHS issues various documents (e.g., forms and certificates) in connection with these responsibilities.

As time and resources allow, we will use sections beginning with RM 10210.8## to store information (e.g., current and historical information) about the DHS documents that SSA accepts, or accepted in the past, as evidence of an individual's lawful alien status or U.S. citizenship as part of the SSN application process. This is a work in progress.

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RM 10210.805 Form I-151, Alien Registration Receipt Card

A. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) history of Form I-151

The former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), now the DHS, issued Form I-151 (Alien Registration Receipt Card), commonly called a "green card," to aliens from July 1946 through late 1978. The form is no longer valid evidence for enumeration purposes and INS replaced it with Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card).

The I-151 lacked security features and presented more opportunities for alteration and fraud than other immigration documents.

From 1992 through 1996, INS conducted a "Green Card Replacement" project to replace the I-151 cards in circulation. Some applicants (e.g., homebound elderly or nursing home residents) may have been unable to replace their old I-151 cards. Although the card is not a valid immigration document, the person may still retain lawful permanent resident status with DHS.

B. Procedure when an applicant submits an I-151 as evidence for an SSN card

1. When to accept the I-151

If an applicant submits an I-151 and was unable to replace it with the I-551 because of a mental or physical disability or is elderly and homebound

- Enter the application using the "RO/CPS Int" process per RM 10210.170.

NOTE: The I-151 is not listed as an acceptable document in SSA's enumeration system. There should be rare instances where the I-151 is presented and accepted because of a mental or physical impairment.

- Verify the alien's immigration status using these specific instructions: Request DHS verify the alien's immigration **status** (as opposed to verifying the I-151 card). Follow MSOM INTRANET 002.005 and GN 00303.610B.6.a. to request immigration **status** verification. **Do not** request DHS verify the Form I-151.

2. When to refer the alien to DHS for a current immigration document

In cases where it appears the person is physically or mentally able to comply with the "Green Card Replacement" project but did not do so, refer him/her to DHS to get a Permanent Resident Card (I-551). Contact the RO for guidance in these situations; do not process the SSN application when the applicant submits an I-151, unless advised to do so by the RO after consultation with Central Office.

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RM 10210.810 Obsolete Forms I-688, I-668A and I-688B, Employment Authorization Documentation

A. Elimination of the Forms I-688, I-688A, and I-688B

In October 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that the following I-688s were all expired and they would no longer verify the alien information found these forms

- **I-688** (Temporary Resident Card)
- **I-688A** (Employment Authorization Card)
- **I-688B** (Employment Authorization Card).

Further, on December 1, 2009, DHS removed the forms from the list of acceptable documents found in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) I-MAIN Production and the SAVE Initial Verification document list.

Based on the DHS decision

- in December 2009, SSA updated SSNAP and SS-5 Assistant to remove the I-688s as evidence options; and
- on January 6, 2010, SSA instructed the FOs to no longer accept any variation of the I-688 as evidence for age, identity, or work-authorized lawful alien status for an SSN.

See Also:

[RM 10211.420](#), for I-766, Employment Authorization Document, the only acceptable employment authorization document

B. Procedure when an applicant submits an I-688 or I-

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688A or I-688B as evidence for an SSN card

If an applicant submits:

- **an expired I-688** – request the applicant to submit other acceptable evidence per existing procedures.
- **an unexpired I-688** – consider fraud development per existing procedures

C. DHS history of and SSA use of the Forms I-688, I-688A, and I-688B

IMPORTANT: This subsection is intended solely for historical purposes. SSA stopped accepting all I-688s (I-688, I-688A, I-688B, and I-688 EXT) on January 6, 2010. Effective with that date, the I-766 is the only acceptable employment authorization document. Any information in this subsection applies only to SSN applications received prior to that date.

See Also:

- [RM 10210.815](#), the I-688 EXT, Employment Documentation Authorization Label
- [RM 10211.001B](#), why DHS created and issued various I-688s.

1. Description of forms I-688, I-688A, and I-688B

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following is intended solely for historical purposes.

a. I-688

The Form I-688, Temporary Resident Card, was a laminated card that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued to legalized aliens and special agricultural workers (SAWS) whose status was adjusted to lawful temporary resident (LTR). An I-688 issued to a SAWS individual included an annotation that the status was granted pursuant to section 210 of the INA. In change of status cases, when the individual applied for and was granted lawful permanent residence (LPR), DHS placed a label (I-688 EXT) on the back of the I-688 to use until the I-551 is issued.

b. I-688A

The Form I-688A, Employment Authorization Card, was a card that DHS issued to aliens who had filed to adjust their status to LTR.

c. I-688B

The Form I-688B, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), was a laminated card DHS issued to nonimmigrants as evidence of employment authorization. It replaced the "employment authorization" annotation previously placed on other DHS documents.

Under the alternate evidence of LPR status policy, the face of the I-688B card included one of the following (status indicated in parenthesis) Provisions of Law

- 274(A).12(A)(3) (REFUGEE)
- 274(A).12(A)(4) (PAROLEE)
- 274(A).12(A)(5) (ASYLEE)
- 274(A).12(A)(6) (FIANCEE- K1/CHILD - K2)
- 274(A).12(A)(9) (SPOUSE/CHILD OF USC)
- 274(A).12(A)(15) (LPR DEPENDENT – V)
- 274(A).12(A)(16) (VSFT/T)
- 274(A).12(C)(9) (ADJUSTMENT APPLICANT)
- 274(A).12(C)(16) (ADJ APP - RES 1972)
- 274(A).12(C)(25) (VSFT/T DEPENDENT)

2. Policy for Evidence of Temporary Resident Status and Employment Authorization

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following policy applied only prior to that date.

a. Form I-688A (Employment Authorization Card)

DHS first issued Form I-688A to each legalization and SAW applicant at the initial interview prior to forwarding the legalization application to another DHS facility for a final determination. DHS now issues the I-688A only to class members of two ongoing lawsuits, **Catholic Social Services v. Barr** and **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) v. INS**.

b. Form I-688 (Temporary Resident Card)

DHS issued Form I-688 to legalization applicants and SAWs when it approved their applications and granted temporary resident status. The I-688 issued to legalization applicants (Section 245A of the INA) is valid for 31 months from the issue date. The I-688 issued to SAWs (Section 210 of the INA) is valid for three years from the issue date.

3. Description of Obsolete Forms

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variations of the I-688. The following descriptions were in applicable prior to that date.

a. Form I-688A (Employment Authorization Card)

Form I-688A is a laminated card with the DHS seal imbedded in the laminate. The words "EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION" are shown on a red header and the words "U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service" are shown on a yellow header. "Form I-688A May 87" is printed in red on the right margin. A three letter DHS code is printed vertically on the right side of the alien's photograph. An outline of the continental U.S. is printed in red on the back of the card.

The issue date of the card coincides with the date the alien filed his/her application for legalization. The I-688A is valid for one year from the issue date.

See the [Administrative-Confidential Memorandum](#) . This publication is available online at <http://www.fels.org/insforms/insdoc.htm>

NOTE: DHS will extend the expiration date with a 90-day OR a one year extension sticker on the back of the card. If the expiration date has passed on the card, the alien should be referred to DHS. The SSN application should not be processed.

b. Form I-688 (Temporary Resident Card)

Form I-688 is a laminated card with the DHS seal imbedded in the laminate. The words "TEMPORARY RESIDENT" are shown on a green header and "U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service" are shown on a yellow header. "Form I-688 May 87" is printed in green on the right margin. A three-character DHS code is printed vertically on the right side of the alien's photograph. An outline of the continental U.S. is printed in green on the back of the card.

See the [Administrative-Confidential Memorandum](#) for a more complete description and the booklet, "A Guide to Selected U.S. Travel and Identity Documents", for a color facsimile of the I-688. This publication is available online at <http://www.fels.org/insforms/insdoc.htm>.

NOTE: Some I-688s issued to SAWs may have one or more stickers on the back authorizing a one-year extension of the expiration date. The sticker is black with the words "I-688 VALIDITY EXTENDED ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION" printed in optical variable ink.

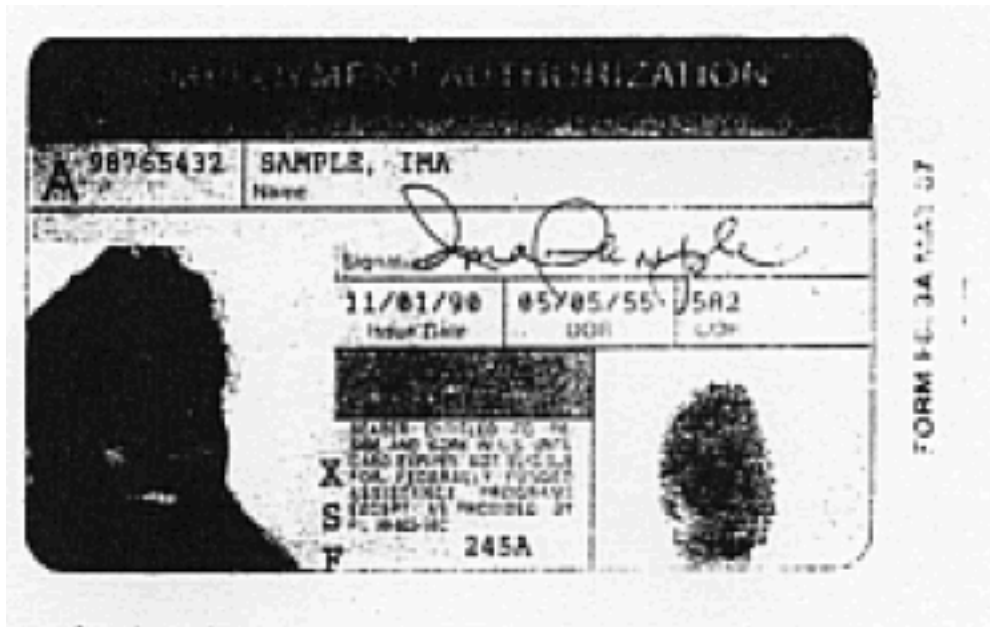
4. Exhibits of Obsolete Forms I-688A and I-688

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following exhibits were acceptable prior to that date.

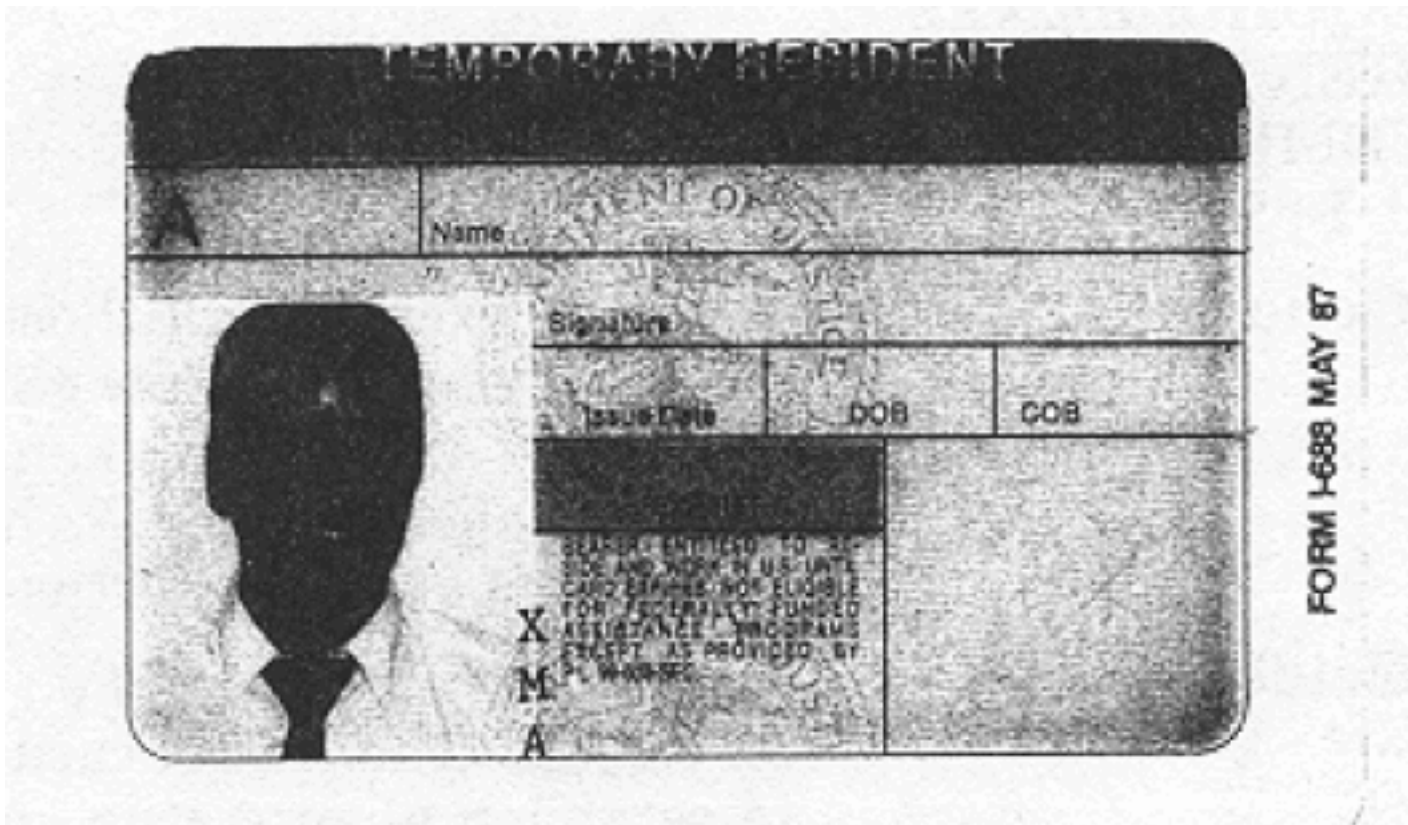
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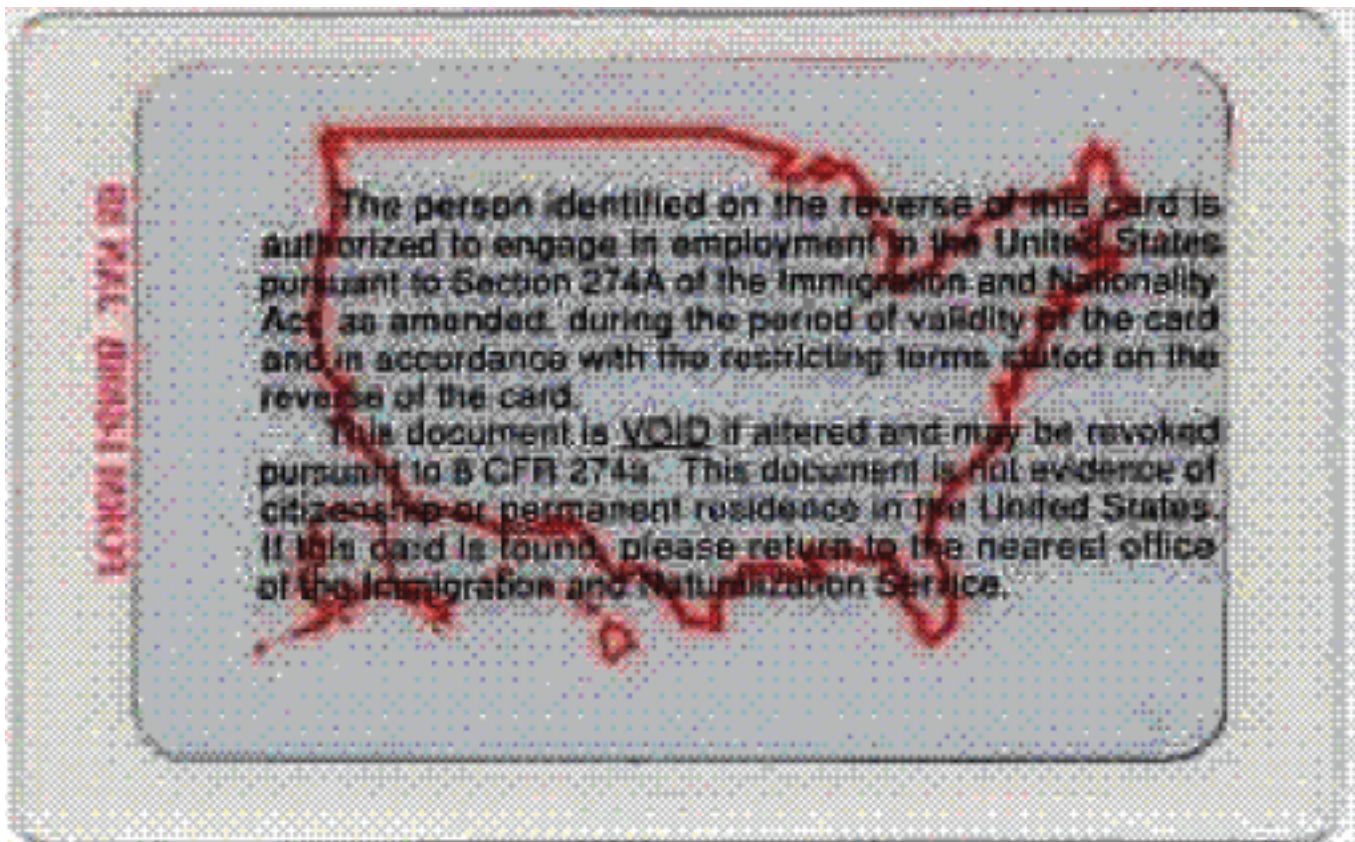


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5. SSA's evidence requirements for I-688A or I-688 prior to their

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elimination

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following evidence requirements were acceptable prior to that date.

a. General

With the exception of those aliens who are class members of the two class action law suits, DHS issued I-688s to legalization applicants and SAWs when it approved their applications. Many legalized aliens and SAWs have also applied for and been granted permanent resident status.

b. Evidence

IMPORTANT: A temporary resident (i.e.; legalized alien or a SAW) applying for a replacement SSN card must provide his/her I-688A or I-688 to establish alien status and identity.

REMINDER: : If the alien does not have an SSN and is now applying for an original SSN card, he/she must present an I-688A or I-688 to establish alien status and identity and at least one other document to establish age.

6. SSA's procedure for completing the SS-5 Assistant SSN application prior to their elimination

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following procedures were acceptable prior to that date.

Complete Form SS-5 as directed below:

a. Checking the Authenticity of the I-688A and I-688

Pay particular attention to the authenticity of the I-688A or I-688 presented. Compare it to the exhibits in C. above, the guidelines in the [Administrative-Confidential Memorandum](#) , and the example in the booklet, "A Guide to Selected U.S. Travel and Identity Documents". This publication is available online at <http://www.fels.org/insforms/insdocs.htm>. Follow the procedure in RM 00203.720 and RM 00202.237C. for suspect/fraudulent documents.

b. Completing the SS-5

Have the alien check the "Legal Alien Allowed to Work" block in item 3 (Citizenship).

c. Coding and Certification

Follow RM 00202.201 to code the SS-5.

- Do not make any entry in the NPN field.
- Enter "N" in the PRA block.
- In the "Evidence Submitted" block properly record all evidence submitted. In addition to the DHS form number (i.e., I-688A or I-688) enter the alien registration number (A#).

REMINDER: If the applicant is age 12 or older and is now applying for an original SSN, conduct an in-person interview. Follow the interviewing guides in RM 00202.055B.2.

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RM 10210.815 Obsolete Form I-688 EXT, Employment Documentation Authorization Label

IMPORTANT: As of January 6, 2010, SSA no longer accepts any variation of the I-688. The following information was acceptable prior to that date.

A. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) prior issuance of the I-688 EXT label for temporary evidence of permanent residence

To document an alien's change of status to permanent resident, DHS placed Form I-688 EXT on the back of the alien's I-688 card. The sticker was evidence of permanent residence until the alien received Form I-551. It was

- temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence and employment authorization;
- valid for 1 year from the date of expiration on the reverse of the I-688.

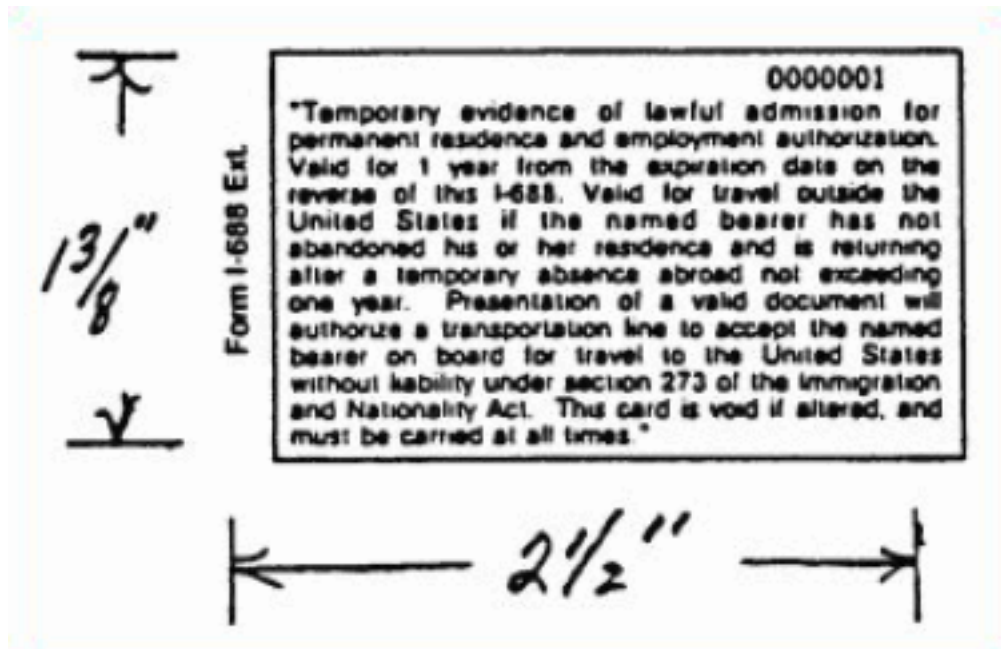
B. Description of Form I-688 EXT

The label was a black sticker and had an optical variable built-in that destructed if pulled off. It had the following distinctive features

- "I-688" in the text of the label
- a serial number in the upper right hand corner.

C. Exhibit - Form I-688 EXT

This is an exhibit of the obsolete I-688 EXT affixed to Form I-688.



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See Also:

- [RM 10211.001B](#), what prompted DHS to create and issue I-688s (IRCA legislation)
- [Administrative-Confidential Memorandum](#) , description of I-551
- [RM 10210.810](#), information on the I-688, I-688A and I-688B,obsolete employment authorization documentation

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RM 10210.820 Form I-94, Arrival/ Departure Record

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issues Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record. The I-94 shows how long an alien may remain in the U.S. and the terms of admission. Some versions of the I-94 are now obsolete.

A. SSA policy on Form I-94

Refer to the following sections for policy and instructions on accepting the I-94 as evidence of an SSN applicant's lawful alien status:

- RM 10211.134, descriptions and exhibits of I-94s currently accepted;
- [RM 10211.050](#), when a citizen of a Compact of Free Association (CFA) nation submits an I-94;
- RM 10211.055, when a citizen of a CFA nation enlists in the US armed forces;
- [RM 10211.185](#), when a refugee submits an I-94;
- [RM 10211.195](#), when a parolee submits an I-94;
- [RM 10211.205](#), when an asylee submits an I-94;
- [RM 10211.240](#), when an F1 student submits an I-94;
- [RM 10211.340](#), when a J1 or J2 visitor submits an I-94;
- [RM 10211.420](#), when the I-94 is evidence of work authorization;
- RM 10211.075, when the I-94 has been impounded.

B. Obsolete computer-generated Form I-94 issued via

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INSPASS

IMPORTANT: This subsection is solely for historical purposes.

In the 1990s through the early 2000s, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) pre-screened aliens who frequently traveled to the U.S. and issued INSPASS (INS Passenger Accelerated Service System) cards to those who could obtain a computer-generated I-94 upon arriving at designated U.S. airports. The alien went to an INSPASS machine rather than an immigration official. The alien would insert the INSPASS card in the machine, enter arrival and departure data from their airline ticket, and place their hand on the machine's hand reader. The machine used the data on the INSPASS card along with verified airline data and the biometrics of the individual's hand to issue a computer-generated I-94.

The INSPASS I-94:

- Was issued to frequent B-1, D-1, E-1, E-2, L-1, TC, TN, and WB travelers to facilitate their entry into the U.S.

NOTE: The alien classification code is shown after the word "ADMITTED" on the right hand side of the form.

- Did not have an admission stamp.
- Had the admission/departure number in the upper left hand portion of the form.
- Was issued only to citizens of Andorra, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brunei, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

NOTE: DHS may have designated additional countries as appropriate.

C. Obsolete thin, onionskin I-94 issued by INS

IMPORTANT: This subsection is solely for historical purposes. INS (now DHS) stopped issuing the onionskin I-94 and all previously issued I-94s are expired.

The thin, onionskin I-94 is the manifold copy of immigration Form I-213. The form:

- Is issued to deportable aliens to keep until they leave the U.S.
- May have stamped, typed, or written the notation: "UNDER DOCKET CONTROL".
- Has no admission number or alien classification shown.

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RM 10210.825 Obsolete Form I-185, Nonresident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card (CBCC)

IMPORTANT: This subsection is solely for historical purposes.

The Department of State (DOS) issued Form I-185, Nonresident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card (CBCC) before 1999. The card was not subject to any time/distance limitations and was determined to be invalid for admissions because it did not contain a biometric identifier to match to the bearer, as required by section 104 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA).

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