

.03 Alien Registration Numbers

Alien Registration Numbers are assigned by USCIS according to the Provision of the INA under which a person is admitted or allowed to remain in the U.S. All legal immigrants receive at least one Alien Registration Number from USCIS. This number normally displays on the USCIS document issued to them.

Usually, Alien Registration Numbers begin with a capital A and typically have eight digits. Use Alien Registration Numbers only displaying on official USCIS documents to establish noncitizen status eligibility.

Some applicants may legally possess more than one valid Alien Registration Number at a time. The most frequent situation where this occurs is when temporary resident noncitizens apply for permanent residency in another category. In situations where applicants present evidence of multiple Alien Registration Numbers, complete the [VIS process](#) for each Alien Registration Number as follows:

- Examine valid, unexpired documents for identification of the applicant's Alien Registration (or ID) Number
- Use the following to determine whether the applicant is a [qualified noncitizen](#):

The type of document and the series of the Alien Registration Number.

The [Noncitizen Alien Identification](#) section may indicate that the applicant possesses at least one current valid alien registration card with an eligible series number. When the applicant meets all the other [Initial Noncitizen Eligibility requirements](#), they are potentially eligible.

The noncitizen is eligible unless a Status Code or section of law notation on the document indicates otherwise.

Verify noncitizen status at the interview or prior to approval. Complete this through the [Verification Information System \(VIS\)](#).