

E Noncitizen Alien Identification Cards

This section identifies common alien ID cards applicants may provide to determine whether they meet one of the [qualified noncitizen](#) requirements to receive benefits.

The noncitizen alien ID cards listed in this section include the following:

- [AR-3a Alien Registration Card](#)
- [I-94 Arrival/Departure Record](#)
- [I-94 Parole Edition](#)
- [I-151 Alien Registration Card](#)
- [I-181a](#) Memorandum of Creation of Record of Lawful Permanent Residence
- [I-184](#) Alien Crewman Landing Permit and Identification Card
- [I-185](#) Nonresident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card
- [I-186](#) Nonresident Alien Mexican Border Crossing Card
- [I-444](#) Mexican Border Visitor Permit
- [I-551 Permanent Resident Card](#)
- [I-586](#) Nonresident Alien Border Crossing Card
- [I-688 Employment Authorization](#)
- [I-688A](#) Employment Authorization
- [I-688B](#) Employment Authorization
- [I-689](#) Fee Receipt
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.01 AR-3a Alien Registration Card

This card was issued from 1941 to 1949 and is NOT absolute evidence of legal permanent residence and is expired. Employment in the U.S. is permitted. The holder is probably not deportable. Advise applicants with an AR-3a to go to USCIS and apply for a replacement card.

Holders of this card are potentially ELIGIBLE for benefits. Verify noncitizen status at the interview or prior to approval. Complete this through the [Verification Information System](#) (VIS).

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are potentially eligible for [Federal Emergency Services](#) only until they receive their replacement card.

.02 I-94 Arrival/Departure Record

This form is used for various noncitizens and includes the following:

- The date of admission
- Any extensions
- The date of expiration

The original Form I-94 was issued to noncitizens admitted temporarily before January 1, 1983 and may still be held by some noncitizens admitted before that date. This edition does not constitute evidence of lawful admission for noncitizens admitted temporarily on or after January 1, 1983. This is because a revised I-94 went into general use on that date.

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE for benefits depending on the following:

- I-94 admission stamp used
- Section of law/class-code annotations
- Meets the other [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria

NOT ELIGIBLE for benefits when the document lacks a registration number.

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

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE for [Federal Emergency Services](#) or full services MA depending on the I-94 admission stamp.

The following are admission stamps that may appear on the I-94:

- [I-94 Adjustment Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Asylee Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Family Fairness Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Nonspecific Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Parole Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Refugee Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Replacement Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Suspension of Deportation Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Temporary I-551 Stamp](#)
- [I-94 Under Docket Control Stamp](#)

.03 I-94 Parole Edition

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE depending on the following:

- The I-94 admission stamp
- Section of law/class code annotations
- Meets the other qualified noncitizen criteria

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

.04 I-94 Adjustment Admission Stamp

This stamp indicates that the applicant's status has been adjusted to the status accorded by the section of INA law indicated.

They are CA ELIGIBLE when they meet [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria and any of the following sections of law are indicated:

- 203(a)(7)
- 207
- 208

- 212(d)(5)
- 243(h)(with a PRUCOL determination)

They are NA ELIGIBLE when they meet the qualified noncitizen criteria and any of the following sections of law are indicated:

- 207
- 208
- 243(h)

They are MA ELIGIBLE when they meet qualified noncitizen criteria and any of the following sections of law are indicated:

- 203(a)(7)
- 207
- 208
- 212(d)(5)

Also, they are MA eligible when one of the following endorsements is noted:

- DEPORTATION WITHHELD PURSUANT TO 243(h)(1) (They must also have an order from an immigration judge)
- CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANT (STATUS PENDING) REVIEWABLE (DATE)

.05 I-94 Asylee Admission Stamp

This stamp is used when a person is granted asylum through an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 208 of the INA.

ELIGIBLE for a period of seven years beginning on the date their status is granted.

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are ELIGIBLE for full services MA. The seven year period does not apply. There is no maximum time limit.

.06 I-94 Family Fairness Admission Stamp

NOT ELIGIBLE, unless the applicant provides another eligible document.

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE for [Federal Emergency Services](#).

.07 I-94 Nonspecific Admission Stamp

These stamps are normally used to process the I-94's of the great many nonimmigrants who enter the U.S. as visitors, students, and tourists. They are for general use and are not reserved for any specific group.

Participants are ELIGIBLE when they meet the [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria and the form is noted with an [I-551 eligible Status Code](#).

.08 I-94 Parole Admission Stamp

Some stamps have PAROLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 212(d)(5) OF THE I & N ACT on them. When the applicant enters the country within eight months of the application date, review for [RRP eligibility](#).

When the period of the parole is for at least one year, the applicant is potentially eligible for benefits. The duration of the parole is verified on the stamp. (See [RCA Noncitizen Requirements](#) for Cuban or Haitian parolees when the period of parole is less than one year)

.09 I-94 Refugee Admission Stamp

ELIGIBLE when admitted under Section 207 of the INA law or noted with one of the following Status Codes:

NP2 -7
P2 -6 -7 -71
RE7 -8
Z2

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

NOTE RE (indicating refugee status) may be noted on the back of the I-94 depending on the port of entry. The existence or absence of RE on the I-94 has no bearing on eligibility.

MA WARNING

Applicants with this card are ELIGIBLE for full services MA when admitted under Section 207 of the INA.

.10 I-94 Replacement Admission Stamp

This stamp is used to indicate that the I-94 is issued to replace some other USCIS document. The type of document may or may not be indicated.

They are CA and NA ELIGIBLE when the stamp displays an [I-551 eligible Status Code](#).

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

.11 I-94 Suspension Of Deportation Admission Stamp

ELIGIBLE ONLY when presented in combination with an order from a U.S. Department of Justice Immigration Judge. (See [Lawful Temporary Resident Noncitizens](#))

.12 I-94 Temporary I-551 Admission Stamp

This stamp is used to indicate the I-94 is issued as a temporary substitute for an I-551 card.

They are CA and NA ELIGIBLE when the key phrase reads one of the following:

- "Admission for Permanent Residence at ____"

- "Processed for I-551. Temporary evidence of admission for Permanent Residence." In addition it displays one of the following Status Codes:

AM1 -2 -3 -6 7 -8

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

.13 I-94 Under Docket Control Admission Stamp

UNDER DOCKET CONTROL may be stamped anywhere on the I-94.

INELIGIBLE, unless the applicant provides another eligible document.

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are INELIGIBLE for full services MA. The applicant is POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE for [Federal Emergency Services](#).

.14 I-151 Alien Registration Card

The I-151 is the original green card. Many however were printed on blue paper. Several versions of this card exist.

Applicants who have a valid I-151 and meet the other [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria are eligible to participate in CA and receive full services MA.

NA EXCEPTION

Applicants who have a valid I-151 that has one of the eligible I-151 Status Codes and who meet the other qualified noncitizen status, are eligible to participate.

WARNING

Effective August 1, 1992, USCIS began the "USCIS Green Card (I-151) Replacement Program" for noncitizens who had cards issued before July 1, 1979. The original replacement deadline for noncitizens to update their card from an I-151 to an [I-551](#) was set for September 20, 1994.

WARNING continued

This deadline was extended to March 20, 1996. The holders of the I-151 are Lawful Permanent Resident noncitizens, and retaining the card does not change their status or the validity of their status. However, USCIS strongly urges applicants and participants presenting an I-151 issued before 1979 to contact USCIS and apply for the replacement Form I-551.

When the I-151 has one of the following Status Codes, the participant may be eligible for NA benefits:

AR1 AR6 A-1 A-2 A-3 A11 A12 A16 A17 A41 A42
A43 A46 A47 A48

CH6

DP DS1

IMM

K-1 K-2 K-3 K-4 K-5 K-6 K-7 K-8 K-9 K10 K11
K12 K13 K14 K15 K16 K17 K18 K19 K20 K21 K22
K23 K24 K25 K26

MR0 MR6 MR7 M-1 M-2 M-3 M-4 M-8 M-9

N NA NA3 NP0 NP1 NP2 NP5 NP6 NP7 NP8

O-1 O-2 O-3 OM1

P-1 P-2 P-3 P-7 P72

Q-1 Q-2 Q-3

REF RRA R-1 R-2 R-3

SA1 SA2 SA3 SA6 SA7 SA8 SB1 SC1 SC2 SC6 SC7

SD1 SD2 SD3 SD4 SD5 SD6 SD7 SD8 SE1 SE2 SE3

SE6 SE7 SE8 SF1 SF2 SF6 SF7 SG1 SG2 SG6 SG7
 SH1 SH2 SH6 SH7 SJ2 SJ6 SJ7 SK1 SK2 SK3 SK4
 SK6 SK7 SK8 SK9

T-1 T-2 T-3

U U-1 U-2

V-1 V-2 V10 V15 V16 V17

W-1 W-3 W-4 W-5

X XA XA3 XB XB3

Y-1 Y-2 Y14 Y15 Y16 Y2A

Z-0 Z-1 Z-3 Z-4 Z-5 Z-6 Z-7 Z-8 Z9 Z03 Z11
 Z13 Z33 Z41 Z43 Z56 Z57 Z66 Z83 Z91

1 12 12A 12C 13A 2 2-C 2-D 2-E 2-F 2-G
 2C6 231 3B 3C 3B2 3B3 3B4 317 318 4 4-A
 4-B 4-C 4-D 4-F 5 503 6 6-A 6A1 6A3

The following eligible Status Codes indicate that the noncitizen may be sponsored by a group, organization, or individual: (See [Sponsored Noncitizens](#))

IF1 IF2 IRO IR1 IR2 IR3 IR4 IR5 IR6 IR7 IR8
 IR9

P11 P12 P16 P17 P21 P22 P23 P26 P28 P31 P32
 P33 P36 P37 P38 P41 P42 P43 P46 P47 P48 P51
 P52 P53 P56 P57 P58 P61 P62 P63 P66 P67 P68

Z-2

.15 Ineligible Noncitizen Alien ID Cards

When a noncitizen applicant provides one of the following alien ID cards they are INELIGIBLE for CA, NA, and full services MA. To be eligible, the applicant must provide another eligible document.

Review MA applicants for possible [Federal Emergency Services](#) eligibility:

- I-181a Memorandum of Creation of Record of Lawful Permanent Residence

All these forms expired before January 24, 1990.

- I-184 Crewman Landing Permit and Identification Card
- I-185 Nonresident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card
- I-186 Nonresident Alien Mexican Border Crossing Card
- I-444 Mexican Border Visitor Permit
- I-586 Nonresident Alien Border Crossing Card
- I-688A Employment Authorization
- I-688B Employment Authorization Document
- I-689 Fee Receipt
- I-766 Employment Authorization Document

EXCEPTION

Participants with an I-766 Employment Authorization Document with an A3, A4, A5, or A10 are potentially eligible.

- Nonresident Alien Border Crossing Card

.16 I-551 Permanent Resident Card

Issued to Conditional Resident Aliens or Permanent Resident Aliens.

ELIGIBLE when the applicant meets the [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria.

NA EXCEPTION

The I-551 must have an I-551 Status Code that is eligible.

When eligible, submit document information for [VIS](#) verification prior to initial case approval.

Do not submit ineligible documents for VIS verification.

The following are I-551 Status Codes that indicate an eligible noncitizen status for NA:

AM1 AM2 AM3 AM6 AM7 AM8 AR1 AR6 AS1 AS2 AS3
AS6 AS7 AS8 A-1 A-2 A-3 A11 A12 A16 A17 A31
A37 A38 A41 A42 A43 A46 A47 A48

CH6 CU0 CU6 CU7 CU8 C7P CUP CNP CR1 CUX CX1
CX2 CX3 CX6 CX7 CX8 C20 C23 C24 C25 C29 C31
C32 C33 C36 C38

DP DS1 DV1 DV2 DV3

E31 E39 EW3 EW4 EW5 EW8

FX1 FX2 FX3 FX6 FX7 FX8 F11 F12 F19 F20 F21
F22 F23 F24 F25 F26 F27 F28 F29 F31 F32 F33
F36 F37 F38 F41 F42 F43 F47 F48

IB6 IC6 IC7 IMM

K-1 K-2 K-3 K-4 K-5 K-6 K-7 K-8 K-9 K10 K11
K12 K13 K14 K15 K16 K17 K18 K19 K20 K21 K22
K23 K24 K25 K26

LB1 LB2 LB6 LB7

MR0 MR6 MR7 M-1 M-2 M-3 M-4 M-8 M-9 M83 M93

N NA NA3 NP0 NP1 NP2 NP5 NP6 NP7 NP8 NP9
 O-1 O-2 O-3 OM1
 P-1 P-2 P-3 P-7 P71 P72 P76
 Q-1 Q-2 Q-3
 RE1 RE2 RE3 RE6 RE7 RE8 REF RRA R-1 R-2 R-3
 R16 R26 R86
 SA1 SA2 SA3 SA6 SA7 SA8 SB1 SC1 SC2 SC6 SC7
 SD1 SD2 SD3 SD4 SD5 SD6 SD7 SD8 SE1 SE2 SE3
 SE6 SE7 SE8 SF1 SF2 SF6 SF7 SG1 SG2 SG6 SG7
 SH1 SH2 SH6 SH7 SJ2 SJ6 SJ7 SK1 SK2 SK3 SK4
 SK6 SK7 SK8 SK9 SL6 SR1 SR2 SR3 S13 S16 S26
 T-1 T-2 T-3
 U U-1 U-2
 V-1 V-2 V10 V15 V16 V17
 W-1 W-3 W-4 W-5 W16 W26 W36
 X XA XA3 XB XB3
 Y-1 Y-2 Y14 Y15 Y16 Y64 Y2A
 Z-0 Z-1 Z-3 Z-4 Z-5 Z-6 Z-7 Z-8 Z-9 ZO3 Z11
 Z13 Z33 Z41 Z43 Z56 Z57 Z66 Z83 Z91
 1 2 2-C 2-D 2-E 2-F 2-G 2C6 3-B 3-C 3B2
 3B3 3B4 4 4-A 4-B 4-C 4-D 4-F 5 6 6-A
 6A1 6A3 12 12A 12C 13A 208 209 231 289 317

318 503

The following are I-551 Status Codes that indicate an eligible noncitizen status for NA. In addition, the codes indicate that the applicant may be sponsored by a group, organization, or individual:

C21 C22 C26 C28

F19 F41 F42 F43 F46

IF1 IF2 IR0 IR1 IR2 IR3 IR4 IR5 IR6 IR7 IR8
IR9

P11 P12 P16 P17 P21 P22 P23 P26 P28 P31 P32
P33 P36 P37 P38 P41 P42 P43 P46 P47 P48 P51
P52 P53 P56 P57 P58 P61 P62 P63 P66 P67 P68

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.17 I-688 Temporary Resident Card

This card is issued to applicants whose eligibility for temporary residence status under IRCA is approved. The card has a green stripe on top and the United States outline on the reverse in green.

They are INELIGIBLE, unless the applicant provides another eligible document.

NOTE Review the MA applicant for possible [Federal Emergency Services](#) eligibility.

CA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this card are ELIGIBLE when it is noted with a country code of 584 (Cuba) or 586 (Haiti) and the issue date is on or after August 22, 1996.

.18 I-766 Employment Authorization

The Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is issued to noncitizens who are authorized to work temporarily in the U.S. Some noncitizens will continue to receive the existing EAD ([I-688B](#)), while the new EAD is phased in. Both cards continue to remain in circulation.

They are INELIGIBLE, unless the applicant provides another eligible document.

EXCEPTION

Participants with an I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with an A3, A4, A5, or A10 are potentially eligible.

NOTE Review MA applicants for possible [Federal Emergency Services](#) eligibility.

.19 Visa Stamps in Foreign Passports

ELIGIBLE when all of the following occur:

- The visa is noted with one of the [eligible I-551 Status Codes](#).
- It is stamped PROCESSED FOR I-551. TEMPORARY EVIDENCE OF LAWFUL ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.
- NEITHER the visa NOR the passport have expired. The passport's expiration date is normally found on the same page as the person's photograph.

- The applicant meets [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria.

MA EXCEPTION

Applicants with this document are potentially ELIGIBLE when all of the following occur:

- The noncitizen's date of entry is prior to August 22, 1996.
- It is stamped PROCESSED FOR I-551. TEMPORARY EVIDENCE OF LAWFUL ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.
- NEITHER the visa NOR the passport have expired.

WARNING

A visa or passport may have expired and an alien ID number is indicated on the visa or passport. When this occurs, complete an [initial VIS verification](#) on the alien ID number to determine whether qualified noncitizen status can be established.