

DHS-USCIS Permanent Resident Card



DHS I-551 with full front profile



Three-quarter profile



DHS Seal

On November 15, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services began issuing the new Permanent Resident Card featuring the DHS seal, which is depicted on both the front and back of the card. These changes come following the depletion of the Department of Justice cardstock. Initially, both three-quarter and full front profile photographs will appear on the new DHS I-551. However, applications for either initial or replacement I-551's received on or after September 1, 2004 require full front profile photographs in accordance with the biometric standards established pursuant to Section 303(c)(1) of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002. I-551's already in circulation remain valid until the expiration date listed on the card or until recalled by USCIS.



Back of DHS I-551



Hologram on DHS I-551

The back of the card removes all references to the "Department of Justice/Immigration and Naturalization Service" and changes them to "Department of Homeland Security" (green arrows). The revision date on the new DHS I-551 is 10-21-03 (blue arrow).



The hologram on the photo side of the DHS I-551 remains complex and multi-colored.

The Department of Homeland Security seal appears on the optical stripe on the back of the card (yellow arrow).