



Apply for Your Social Security Number (SSN) While Applying for Your Work Permit or Lawful Permanent Residency or U.S. Naturalization

Do you live in the United States – and plan to apply for work authorization, Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status, or U.S. naturalization?

You should apply for an original SSN or replacement SSN card on your work authorization form **OR** on your application for LPR status. You should also apply for an updated replacement card on your U.S. naturalization application.

This saves you a trip to a local Social Security office. Learn more below.

Work Authorization	Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)	Naturalization
<p>Form I-765 – <i>Application for Employment Authorization</i></p> <p>If you apply for work authorization using this form and complete the section requesting an SSN card, after you are approved, the United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) will provide to SSA the information needed to process your SSN card without having to visit a Social Security office. You will receive 2 documents – your Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or work permit, and your SSN card.</p> <p>These will be sent in separate envelopes.</p> <p>We will mail your SSN card to the address you provided on your application. You should receive your card no later than 14 days after you receive your work permit.</p>	<p>Form I-485 – <i>Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status</i></p> <p>If you complete the section on Form I-485 to request an SSN card, USCIS will send us the data we need to issue your original or replacement SSN card without having to visit a Social Security office.</p> <p>You will receive your Lawful Permanent Resident Card or “USCIS I-551” or “Green Card.” We will mail your original or replacement SSN card to the address you provided on your application.</p> <p>You should receive your card no later than 14 days after you receive your LPR card “Form I-551” or “Green Card.”</p>	<p>Form N-400, <i>Application for Naturalization</i></p> <p>When you complete Form N-400, complete the “Social Security Update” section to request a replacement SSN card.</p> <p>Once you are granted citizenship, USCIS will provide us with the information we need to update your citizenship status, update your name (if requested), and issue an updated replacement SSN card without having to visit a Social Security office.</p> <p>You should receive your SSN card no later than 14 days after you receive your Certificate of Naturalization.</p>

Please reach out to your local office if:

- You requested a Social Security card on one of the forms above – but did not receive it 14 days ***after*** receiving your EAD or “Green Card” or Certificate of Naturalization.

NOTE: USCIS collects information on behalf of SSA to process the SSN card. It is important for you to provide all information requested on the form. We may be unable to fully process your request for the SSN card if we do not receive the necessary information. While some information is not required for processing the immigration document, SSA uses the name, date of birth, parent’s names, country of birth, gender (i.e., male/female) to process the SSN card. If you do not receive your SSN card within 14 days after receiving your immigration document, contact your local **Social Security** office. You can locate your local office by visiting our Office Locator page. You may also use our Replace Social Security card page to assist you in determining what evidence is needed to receive an SSN card or number. Currently, Social Security’s record systems are unable to include a non-binary or unspecified gender designation. The agency is exploring possible policy and systems updates to support an “X” gender designation for the SSN card application process.

- You did **NOT** request an SSN while completing one of the forms I-765 and I-485 after receiving your EAD, Lawful Permanent Resident Card or “USCIS I-551” or “Green Card” or a Certificate of Naturalization, you can visit our Social Security number & card page to find more information about what you can do to obtain an SSN card.



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