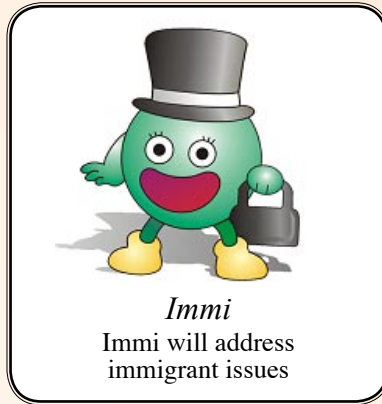


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Immi, Jr. says:

Let's look at a few important updates from the Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, and USCIS.

DHS ISSUES "WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT" FACT SHEET

Source: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

On 8/9/07, the Department of Homeland Security issued a fact sheet entitled "Worksite Enforcement" which highlights recent ICE enforcement efforts targeted at businesses that employ undocumented immigrants. The businesses targeted ranged from temporary employment agencies, to textile, construction and food processing plants.

"Worksite enforcement actions target a key component of the illicit support structure that enables illegal immigration to flourish. No employer, regardless of industry or location is immune from complying with the nation's laws. ICE and our law enforcement partners will continue to bring all of our authorities to bear in this fight using criminal charges, asset seizures, administrative arrests and deportations." said, *Julie L. Myers, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security, U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement*

DOS POSTS DIVERSITY VISA 2009 ONLINE ENTRY DATES

Source: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

The DV-2009 Lottery online entry begins at **Noon EDT on October 3, 2007, and ends at Noon EST on December 2, 2007.** Information and instructions for the DV-2009 lottery will appear on Department of State's webpage, as soon as possible. Please check its webpage at a later time for Diversity Visa information updates.

USCIS ISSUES SERVICE CENTER AND LOCKBOX RECEIPTING UPDATE

Source: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

California Service Center

Form Number	Date Received
N-400	07/23/2007
All Other	08/14/2007

Nebraska Service Center

Form Number	Date Received
I-131	07/24/2007
I-140	07/24/2007
Employment Based	07/24/2007
I-765	07/24/2007
N-400	07/24/2007
All Other	08/05/2007

Texas Service Center

Form Number	Date Received
I-131	06/30/2007
I-140	08/13/2007
I-485	
Employment Based	06/30/2007
I-765	06/30/2007
N-400	07/15/2007
All Other	08/16/2007

Vermont Service Center

Form Number	Date Received
I-130	07/25/2007
N-400	07/18/2007
All Other	08/15/2007



Immi says:

LOOK!! Some Permanent Resident Cards are not “Permanent” anymore. The USCIS has proposed that Permanent Resident Cards without expiration dates must be replaced.

PERMANENT RESIDENT CARDS WITHOUT EXPIRATION DATES MUST BE REPLACED

Source: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced a proposal to require nearly 750,000 lawful permanent residents carrying “green cards” without an expiration date to replace their current cards.

USCIS published in “Federal Register” a rule open for public comment that proposes to require lawful permanent residents to apply for a new Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), commonly referred to as a “green card,” during a 120-day filing period. The change would allow USCIS to issue more secure permanent resident cards, update cardholder information, conduct background checks, and electronically store applicants’ fingerprint and photographic information.

Permanent Resident Cards are issued as evidence of the holder’s authorization to live and work in the United States. In August 1989, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) began issuing new cards with a 10-year expiration date and required residents to apply periodically for a new card. Between 1979 and 1989, however, the cards were issued without expiration dates. These are the cards that are the subject of the proposed rule.

The rule proposes that affected lawful permanent residents file an Application to Replace Lawful Permanent Residence Card (Form I-90) in order to replace their current “green card.” The Form I-90 requires applicants to provide current biographic and biometric (photographs and fingerprint) information. Application Support Centers across the United

States and new automated filing procedures would give USCIS the ability to process a large number of applications during a short period of time.

In addition to proposing a 120-day filing period, the rule also proposes to remove all references in the regulations to outdated Form I-90 application procedures and correct the title and edition date of Form I-90.

Finally, the rule proposes a mechanism for terminating “green cards” without an expiration date. Under the rule, USCIS would be able to terminate permanent resident cards without an expiration date via notice in the Federal Register. More information on this initiative is available in an accompanying Fact Sheet and Questions and Answers notice.

The proposed rule will remain available for public comment at www.regulations.gov until Sept. 21, 2007. Please visit www.uscis.gov for important information on citizenship and immigration issues.



Citizen Immi says:

Wa!!! Vermont will develop an alternative document for crossing the U.S land and sea borders.

DHL AND THE STATE OF VERMONT TEAM UP TO ADVANCE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE

Source: [AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION \(AILA\)](#)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security agreed to launch a project with the state of Vermont that will enhance the security of state driver's licenses and potentially serve as an acceptable alternative document for crossing the United States' land and sea borders.

The Vermont project, much like the agreement reached with Washington state earlier this year, is one possible compliance alternative to Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requirements. As announced in June, on Jan. 31, 2008, U.S. and Canadian citizens will need to present either a WHTI-compliant document or a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate, for admissibility into the United States. DHS intends to end the routine practice of accepting oral declarations alone at land and sea ports of entry, and also proposes to begin alternative procedures for U.S. and Canadian children at that time.

"I applaud the leadership of the state of Vermont who came forward to join us in our effort to bolster security through secure identification," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "This partnership helps us strike the right balance between security and facilitation, incorporating 21st century technology and innovation."

"I'm pleased we will be able to provide this more reasonable option for Vermonters who travel frequently to Canada," said Governor Jim Douglas. "As we move forward with this innovative project,

we must continue to include our northern neighbors whose economic and security interests are linked directly to our own."

The state of Vermont will develop an enhanced driver's license that will provide their residents, who voluntarily apply and qualify, with a document that is acceptable for use at U.S. land and sea ports. The enhanced driver's license will be slightly more expensive than a standard Vermont state driver's license and will require proof of citizenship, identity, and residence, as well as contain security features similar to a U.S. passport.

The 9/11 Commission endorsed secure documentation for determining admissibility into the country, and Congress mandated WHTI implementation in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. At present, U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel consider more than 8,000 distinct state issued birth certificates, driver's licenses or other forms of identification when making decisions on who and what to admit into the country.

At a date to be determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security in consultation with the Secretary of State, the departments will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. DHS and DOS expect the date of full WHTI implementation to be in the summer of 2008. The precise implementation date will be formally announced with at least 60 days notice.

QUICK INFORMATION BYTES

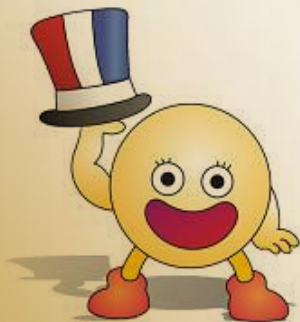


Immi, Jr. says: B-2 status may be extended but it must be documented with accurate and complete evidence in regard to the reason for the extension.

Immi says: This July and August, the USCIS received a very high volume of applications, therefore the receipting of applications will take longer than usual.



Citizen Immi says: Remember, the Form N-400 fee has increased since July 30, 2007.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Explanation:

If you have questions concerning immigration related issues or concerns and are of a non-advice and pure general interest nature, please e-mail them to tolsen@tlolaw.com

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION RELATED WEB SITES

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>
- Department of Labor
<http://www.dol.gov/>
- Department of State
<http://www.state.gov/>
- Embassies in Washington D.C.
<http://www.embassy.org/>
- Visa Bulletin
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html



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