# TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card OMB Number: 1615-0082 08/28/2015

**Reason for Revision:** USCIS is requesting two revisions to the Form I-90 Instructions.

# 1. Notice to Applicants re: Destruction of Original Documents

All Form I-90s (Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card) are now included in USCIS' Electronic Immigration System, regardless of the method of filing (paper or online). USCIS is adopting a new retention schedule for Form I-90s, making all I-90s temporary records. The draft I-90 records schedule was posted in the Federal Register on August 5, 2015 (80 FR 46606). Since USCIS' Electronic Immigration System is now the official administrative record for I-90s, we need to amend the form instructions to emphasize to applicants that they should not submit original documents with their Form I-90s. The current instructions do indicate that applicants should not submit originals but do not notify applicants that any originals submitted with their applications, when not required or specifically requested by USCIS, will be destroyed in light of the change from paper A-files to electronic records.

# 2. Notice to Applicants re: Mailing of Permanent Resident Cards only to a U.S. Address

The National Benefits Center, which processes I-90s, asked for a modification to the instructions to make it clear that USCIS will not mail a Permanent Resident Card to foreign mailing addresses. The current instructions have this language, but only under the section for alien commuters. This proposed amendment would add clarifying language to the general instructions for applicants and specific instructions for alien commuters.

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<b>General Instructions</b>		
	Copies. You may submit legible	Copies. You should submit legible
	photocopies of documents requested, unless	photocopies of documents requested,
	the instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS	unless the instructions specifically state that you must submit an original
	may request an original document at the	document. USCIS may request an original
	time of filing or at any time during	document at the time of filing or at any
	processing of an application, petition, or	time during processing of an application,
	request. If you submit original documents	petition, or request. If USCIS requests an
	when not required, the documents may	original document from you, it will be
	remain a part of the record, and USCIS will	returned to you after USCIS determines it
	not automatically return them to you.	no longer needs your original.
		NOTE: If you submit original documents
		<b>NOTE</b> : If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS,
		your original documents will be
		immediately destroyed upon receipt.
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<b>Specific Instructions,</b>	_	_
Part 1., Information	Item Numbers 6.a 6.i. Mailing	Item Numbers 6.a 6.i. Mailing
About You	Address. List your complete mailing	Address. Provide your complete U.S.
	address in the spaces provided. You may	mailing address in the spaces provided.
	list a valid residence, APO, In Care Of	You may list a valid U.S. residence, APO,
	Name, or commercial address. You may	In Care Of Name, or commercial address.
	also list a Post Office address (PO Box) if	You may also list a U.S. Post Office

that is how you receive your mail. If your mail is sent to someone other than yourself, please include an "In Care Of Name" as part of your mailing address. If your mailing address is in a U.S. territory and it contains an urbanization name, list the urbanization name in the In Care Of Name space provided.

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NOTE: USCIS will not mail a Permanent Resident Card to a foreign mailing address, only to a valid U.S. mailing address. If you are going to travel abroad and your Permanent Resident Card is about to expire, USCIS recommends you apply for and receive your new Permanent Resident Card prior to departing the United States.

## **NOTE FOR ALIEN COMMUTERS: If**

you are currently an alien commuter who continues to reside in a foreign contiguous territory, you may provide a foreign mailing address. If you are an alien commuter who will take up actual residence in the United States, provide your U.S. mailing address. USCIS will not mail a Permanent Resident Card to a foreign mailing address, only to a U.S. mailing address. If you are a lawful permanent resident who will become a commuter, follow the instructions for **Item Number 2.h1.**, including indicating which U.S. Port of Entry (POE) you will use to enter and exit the United States. USCIS will use this information to send your Permanent Resident Card to the appropriate POE for pick-up. If you are a lawful permanent resident who is currently an alien commuter, and you provide a foreign mailing address, please indicate which U.S. Port-of-Entry (POE) you use to enter and exit the United States in **Item Number 2.h1.1**. USCIS will use this information to send your Permanent Resident Card to the appropriate POE for pick-up.

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you are currently an alien commuter who continues to reside in a foreign contiguous territory, you may provide a foreign mailing address. If you are an alien commuter who will take up actual residence in the United States, provide your U.S. mailing address.

**NOTE:** USCIS will not mail a Permanent Resident Card to a foreign mailing address, only to a valid U.S. mailing address.

If you are a lawful permanent resident who will become a commuter, follow the instructions for Item Number 2.h1., including indicating which U.S. Port of Entry (POE) you will use to enter and exit the United States. USCIS will use this information to send your Permanent Resident Card to the appropriate POE for pick-up. If you are a lawful permanent resident who is currently an alien commuter, and you provide a foreign mailing address, please indicate which U.S. Port-of-Entry (POE) you use to enter and exit the United States in Item Number **2.h1.1**. USCIS will use this information to send your Permanent Resident Card to the appropriate POE for pick-up.

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