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# 13.1 List A Documents That Establish Identity and Employment Authorization

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# 1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card



The U.S. Department of State issues the U.S. passport to U.S. citizens and noncitizen nationals. A small number of versions still in circulation may differ from the main versions shown here.

# **Current U.S. passport cover and interior**





# U.S. Passport Card

The U.S. Department of State began issuing the passport card in July 2008. The passport card is a wallet-size card that can only be used for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

# Passport card front and back

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# 2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)

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To reduce the risk of fraud and counterfeiting, USCIS redesigns the Permanent Resident Card (PRC) every three to five years. Introduction of new card designs does not mean that cards with previous designs are invalid. Both current and previous cards remain valid until the expiration date shown on the card (unless otherwise noted, such as through an automatic extension of the validity period of a PRC as indicated on a Form I-797, Notice of Action, or in a Federal Register notice). These cards are also known as "Green Cards."

### Current Form I-551, front and back

USCIS began issuing this version of the Permanent Resident Card on January 30, 2023. Some cards issued after that date may still display the previous design because USCIS uses existing card stock until supplies are depleted. This version contains the bearer's photo on the front and back, name, USCIS number/A-Number, date of birth, and card expiration date, along with updated artwork of the Statue of Liberty, holographic images on the front and back of the card, a new layer-reveal feature with a partial window on the back photo box, and data fields displayed in different places than on previous versions.





Previous Form I-551, front and back AILA Doc. No. 24032771. (Posted 3/27/24) Starting on May 1, 2017, USCIS issued this version of Form I-551, which contains the bearer's photo on the front and back, name, USCIS number/A-Number, date of birth, laser-engraved fingerprint, and card expiration date. This card does not have a signature or a black stripe on the back.





# Older Form I-551, front and back

USCIS began issuing this version of Form I-551 in May 2010. This redesign changed the card color to green. The card contains the bearer's photo, name, USCIS number/A-Number, date of birth, laser-engraved fingerprint, and card expiration date. The USCIS/A-Number is also located on the back of the card.

These cards may or may not contain a signature. A signature is not required for the card to be acceptable for Form I-9 purposes.





#### Older Form I-551, front and back

Another older version of the Form I-551 shows the DHS seal and contains a detailed hologram on the front of the card. Each card is personalized with an etching showing the bearer's photo, name, fingerprint, date of birth, A-Number, and the card expiration date.





Some employees may also have older Resident Alien cards, issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, which do not have expiration dates and are valid indefinitely. These cards are peach in color and contain the bearer's fingerprint and photograph.

3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa



USCIS uses either an I-551 (ADIT) stamp or a temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV) to indicate temporary evidence of lawful permanent residence. Sometimes, if no foreign passport is available, USCIS will place the I-551 stamp on a Form I-94 and affix a photograph of the bearer to the form. This document is considered a receipt.

# **Unexpired Foreign Passport with I-551 Stamp**

The temporary Form I-551 MRIV is evidence of permanent resident status for one year from the date of admission.





Temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV)



# 4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)



USCIS began issuing this design of the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) on January 30, 2023. Some cards issued after that date may still display the previous design because USCIS uses existing card stock until supplies are depleted. Both the current and previous EADs will remain valid until the expiration date shown on the card (unless otherwise noted, such as through an automatic extension of the validity period of the EAD as indicated on a Form I-797, Notice of Action, or in a Federal Register notice).

This version contains the bearer's photo on the front and back, name, USCIS number, date of birth, and card expiration date along with updated artwork of the Statue of Liberty, holographic images on the front and back of the cards, a new layer-reveal feature with a partial window on the back photo box; and data fields displayed in different places than on previous versions.

Cards may contain one of the following notations below the expiration date:

- "Not Valid for Reentry to U.S.;"
- "Valid for Reentry to U.S.;" or
- "Serves as I-512 Parole."

### **Current EAD, front and back**





# Previous EAD, front and back





# 5. Foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A with Arrival-Departure Record, and containing an endorsement to work

CBP and USCIS issue Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, to nonimmigrants. This document indicates the bearer's class of admission, date of entry, and date their immigration status expires. Generally, employees download it from <a href="mailto:cbp.gov">cbp.gov</a>. If an employee presents a paper Form I-94, it may show a stamped or handwritten date. They may present Form I-94 with documents that Form I-9 specifies are valid as a combination of documents, such as Form I-94 presented with a foreign passport, and Form DS-2019 or Form I-20.

#### **Electronic Form I-94**

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Get I-94 Number

I-94 FAQ

## Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 69000888062

Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name: LI

First (Given) Name: LYDIA

Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/01/1990

Passport Number: P123123213

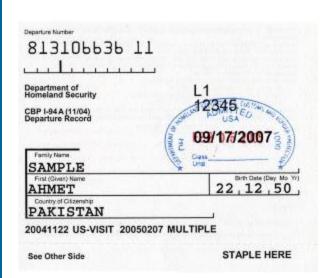
Passport Country of Issuance: Mexico

Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 04/11/2012

Class of Admission: B1

Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record





Form I-20 accompanied by Form I-94

For curricular practical training, F-1 nonimmigrant students with a Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, must also have Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Students, endorsed with employment authorization by the designated school official. USCIS issues an EAD to all F-1 students who are authorized for optional practical training (OPT) and M-1 students authorized for practical training. See <u>Section 7.4.2, F-1 and M-1 Nonimmigrant Students</u>, for more information on Form I-20.

# Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038

#### SEVIS ID: N00000000000

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME GIVEN NAME Class of Admission Sample Student PREFERRED NAME PASSPORT NAME Student Sample, II COUNTRY OF BIRTH COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP DATE OF BIRTH ADMISSION NUMBER 04 MAY 1995 ACADEMIC AND LEGACY NAME LANGUAGE FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE

#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL ADDRESS SCHOOL NAME 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744 SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214F44444000 03 APRIL 2015 Helene Robertson PDSO

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S	MAJOR 1 History and Philosophy of Science and Technology 54.0104	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE 04 APRIL 2016
START OF CLASSES 01 JUNE 2016	PROGRAM START/END DATE 04 May 2016 - 30 May 2020	

#### ETNANCTAT S

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS			STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS		
Tuition and Fees		15,000	Personal Funds		19,000
Living Expenses	\$	4,000	Funds From This School	\$	
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$	0	Funds From Another Source	\$	
Other	\$	0	On-Campus Employment	\$	
TOTAL	\$	19,000	TOTAL	\$	19,000

#### REMARKS

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form DATE ISSUED PLACE ISSUED

SIGNATURE OF: Jane Smith, PDSO 04 May 2016 Ft. Washington, MD

#### STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the urpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS rsuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18. SIGNATURE OF: Student Sample DATE

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE

ICE Form I-20 A-B (3/31/2018)

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See Form I-94 above.

#### Form DS-2019 accompanied by Form I-94

J-1 nonimmigrant exchange visitors must have a Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, accompanied by an unexpired Form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status, issued by the U.S. Department of State, that specifies the sponsor. J-1 exchange students also need a letter from AILA Doc. No. 24032771. (Posted 3/27/24)

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their responsible officer authorizing their employment. See Section 7.4.1, Exchange Visitors (J-1), for more information on DS-2019.

U.S. Department of State

CERTIFICATE OF	ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min  *See Page 2				
1. Surname/Primary Name: Exchange Visitor	Ghon Name: Sample		Gender: MALE	N000000000	
Date of Birth(nam-dd/yyyy): City of Birth: 03-25-1995 Your City	Country of Birth: SWEDEN	Citizenship Country Code: SW	Citizenship Country: SWEDEN	J-1	
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: Legal Perman	ent Residence Country: Position	Code: Position:			
SW SWEDEN Primary Size of Activity: Robertson Research		13 UNIVERSITY TEAC	HING STAFF INCLUDING	2 R	
9002 NANCY LN					
FORT WASHINGTON, M	D 20744-2430				
2 Program Sponsor: Robertson Research 1	Institute		Program Number: P-1-15	029	
Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR: RESEARCH SCHOLAR: SE	OPT_TERM SCHOLAR: SDECTAL	TET: STIMENT ASSOCIAT	TE. STIMENT BACHRIOR	8.	
STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTE					
Purpose of this form: OTHER					
travel signature					
3. Form Covern Period:	4. Exchange Visitor Category: PROFESSOR				
From (nm-dd-yyyy): 03-25-2016	Subject/Field Code: Subject/Field Cod	de Remarks:			
To (non-dd-yyyy): 03-24-2019		will teach classes in	engineering	_	
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimate	ed financial support (in U.S. S) is to be provide	d to the exchange visitor by:			
Current Program Sponsor funds . \$82,000.00 Total . \$82,000.00	0				
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE / DHS USE OR CERTI RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONS				Responsible Officer	
THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS	BEEN PROVIDED	Name of Official Preparing Form		W-4	
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE D	123 Main 8		n	Title	
Valrico, FL 33594  Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer				222-222-2222	
	Telephone Number				
	03-25-2016 Date (num-dd-9999)				
		re of Responsible Officer or Alternate R	esponsible Officer	Date (Nen-as-)9999	
<ol> <li>Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsory Effective date (non-dd-1999):</li> </ol>	. Transfer of this exchange, visitor from proce-	am number	sponsored by		
to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly des	rable and is in conformity with the objectives of t	he Mutual Educational and Cultural Excl	hange Act of 1961, as amended.		
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate			Date (N	m-dd-yyyy) of Signature	
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR I IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL94-	MMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SEC 484, AS AMENDED (see item I(a) of page 2).	CTION 212(e) OF THE		ON BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER  Idation period is 1 year*)	
The Exchange Visitor in the above program:				on period is up to 6 months for Short-term	
Not subject to the two-year residence requirement.			Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counscions and Summer Work/Travel.		
Subject to two-year residence requirement based or		INTS G-2-00263 AND ALL ALIEN D BY P-3-04510 ARE SUBJECT TO	(1) Exchange Visitor is in good	standing at the present time	
A. Ooverment financing and/or	THE TWO-YEAR HOME	RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT)			
B. The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or	,			hto (non-dd-yyyy)	
C. PL 94-484 as amended			Signature of Responsible (2) Exchange Visitor is in good	officer or Alternate Responsible Officer	
			(a) Examine Visito is in good	a us prosis une	
Name		Title			
				hto (nun-dd-yyyy)	
Signature of Consular or Immigration		Date (new-dd-9559)			
THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVE	S THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERME	NATION REGARDING 212 (s).	Signature of Responsible	Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer	
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: 1 ha	we read and agree with the statement in iter	m 2 on page 2 of this document.			
Signature of Applicant		Place		Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
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See Form I-94 above.

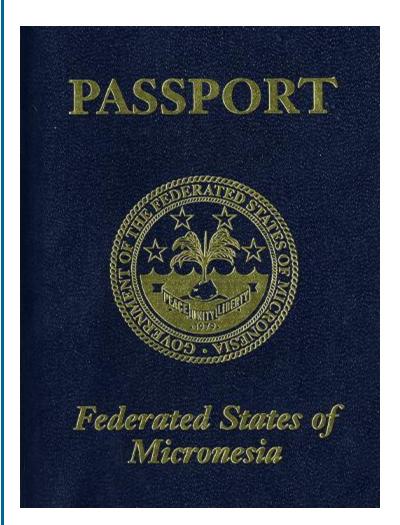
6. Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI

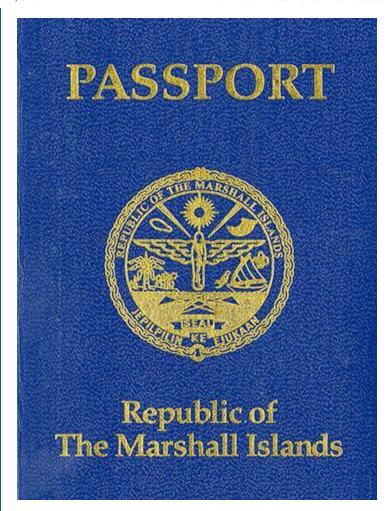
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In 2003, Compacts of Free Association (CFA) between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) were amended to allow citizens of these countries to work in the United States without obtaining an EAD.

For Form I-9 purposes, citizens of these countries may present FSM or RMI passports accompanied by a Form I-94 indicating nonimmigrant admission under the CFA, which are acceptable documents under List A. The exact notation on Form I-94 may vary and is subject to change. The notation on Form I-94 typically states "CFA/FSM" for an FSM citizen and "CFA/MIS" for an RMI citizen.

# Passport of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands





# **Acceptable Receipts**



- Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List A document.
- Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual.
- Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee.

May be presented in lieu of a document listed above for a temporary period. For receipt validity dates, see the M-274, Section 4.4 Acceptable Receipts.

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