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Fraud Detection & Remediation







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Fraud Concepts

Key terms

Fraud	Deception for personal gain
Authentic document	An unchanged, original document, legally issued by the jurisdiction or authorized agency, and legally obtained
Breeder document	A document used to obtain other identity documents
Altered document	Any authentic document that has been changed after being legally issued by the jurisdiction or authorized agency
Counterfeit document	Any document created from scratch that imitates an authentic document
Fraudulent document	A counterfeit or altered document
Authenticating	Examining a document to determine if it is authentic or fraudulent

The Fraud Detection Model



The Fraud Detection Model will help you discover fraudulent documents. The Fraud Detection Model consists of three parts: **Documents, People and Actions.** As a document evaluator, you need to:

- Examine the documents you receive
- Observe the people who give you the documents

Choose what actions to take

Examining Documents - the Four Step Method



There is a four-step process you will use to examine documents:

- Remove Make certain that the document is removed from any wallet or protective covering
- Look Look for the basic security features. These are usually placed in clear view. Take time to look at them carefully
- Touch or feel The touch and feel of a document is just as important as the look of a document
- Examine Closely examine documents for details and information

Security Features and Data Encoding Methods – Quick Chart

Security Feature	How to Find Them
 Anti-copy Linework A design made up of small lines, usually seen in the background of a document. When copied, the anti-copy linework becomes fuzzy, fades or disappears. 	
 Chemical Sensitivity Secure paper can be treated so that exposure to solvents or other chemicals used in alteration attempts will leave permanent disturbances. 	
 Clear Windows A number of jurisdictions have incorporated transparent windows in their license designs, often as a secondary image. The window often contains a laser engraved photograph, visible from the front and back of the card. 	
 Color Shifting Inks (Optically Variable Inks) Appear to change color as the document is rotated. 	
 Crystagram® A specific trademarked product containing one or more holographic images including those that appear to move or shift position. Often contain more detail and brighter colors than other OVF's. Best viewed using low-level oblique lighting. 	
HologramsAppear 3-dimensional when the document is moved.	
 Intaglio Printing Raised area of print in background, or borders and often used when creating tactile latent images. 	
 Kinegram® A specific trademarked technology incorporating images that appear to change, flip, move or reposition. To view, tilt the document back and forth, to and fro, or rotate 180 degrees. 	
 Latent Images An image within another feature. Usually a letter, number or an image. Loses variability when copied. 	

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Letterpress Printing	of uphonib.
 Usually control numbers unique to each document, consecutive for document control purposes. Sometimes printed with a dual ink process (for example, black with red edges). May be seen or felt on the front or back of the document if document is not worn. May display a halo effect around the characters when viewed through the back of the document. 	
Micro Perforations	
 Difficult to see in normal lighting or with busy document background. Best seen using transmitted light. Can sometimes be felt. Small, exact holes in a specified pattern. 	
Microprinting	Pt white ion is
 Appears as a broken line but is visible as an image or text message when viewed under magnification. Most often used as a signature line, border, or background design, and can contain static or personalized elements. Difficult to scan or copy, usually results in a solid line. 	
Offset Lithography	P. S. M. JP.
 Commonly a background "spider web" design or text. Usually single true-color ink, uniform throughout document. Smooth to the touch with clear, sharp edges. 	
Overlapping Features	N. CO MAN
 Designs, signatures or seals that are purposefully placed on documents so that they overlap another part of the document, often the holder's image or variable text information. Microprinting, anti-copy linework and OVFs are the most common items used as overlapping features. 	
Pantographs	
• Design or text printed to be visible when photocopied; commonly the word "VOID".	
 Planchettes Clear or colored objects that are embedded IN the paper. They are multiple, and random in placement. 	
Rainbow Printing	N. C. Pr. o
Gradual blending of 2 or more colors.Printed using offset lithography.	
Safety Blocks	
Security background design.Usually a repeated pattern of very small printing.	

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Security Fibers	ed uphonib
Clear or colored fibers that are embedded IN the paper.They are multiple, and random in placement.	
Security Threads	appline only of
 Clear or colored fibers that are embedded IN the paper. There is usually one thread per document (multiple-page documents like passports may have one per page), and their location is usually fixed or within a predefined area Made from polyester or plastic. Different from fibers because they are wider and longer. Visible with transmitted light. 	
Thermochromatic Ink	2 Priloution is
 When the temperature of the design changes, the design appears, disappears, or changes color and slowly returns to normal. Rubbing a finger briskly across the design often generates sufficient heat through friction to reveal the change. 	
Unique Identifier	
 A feature designed for a specific document that is unique to a jurisdiction or agency. Unique identifiers can contain security features but are NOT considered security features by themselves. 	
Variable Laser Images	N. M. M.
 Special laser engraving that reveals different images and/or text when the document is tilted. 	Proprioti pupi
 Often display the cardholder's image and/or some piece of personal data. Images may appear/disappear when the card is tilted on its horizontal and/or vertical axis. 	
 Feel raised and recessed strips (like "mini speed bumps"). If you scrape the VLI quickly with your fingernail, a sound similar to that of a working nylon zipper is produced. 	Distrion me ibui
Watermarks	String O'Star
 An image that is IN the paper. A watermark usually relates in some way to the type of document or displays a unique identifier for the issuing agency or jurisdiction. Visible with transmitted light. 	

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tore data	Are generally found on the back of a document.
	1D bar codes usually store basic information like DL number, DOB, and Expiration date.
	2D bar codes store more than 1D and can sometimes include a black and white photo along with other data.
	Can only be read with a suitable card verification reader.
	Frequently contain the individual's personal information .
	Machine-readable zone (MRZ)
	May be on the front or back of a document.
	Contains a fixed number of characters (alpha or numeric) on each line.
	Left and right sides consistently aligned.
NA NC. DIST	Often contains characters that correspond to variable-printed data, such as type of document, last name, first name, etc. Contains no blank spaces and all spacers or chevrons point in the same direction.
	Encoded magnetic stripe
	Often contains individual's key information.
	Requires a reader.
	Lifespan can be affected by use (or abuse).
	Often on the back upper or lower third of card.
No. 6 (CO)	Optical memory strip
	Requires a reader.
	Often covers most of the back of a plastic card.
	 Images such as photos or seals can be seen by rotating the card in the light.
	Microchip
10 all	Enables exceptionally long life of stored data.
	Requires a reader.
	Contact microchips are visible and make contact with the card reader.
And Mill	May encode details from name, address, date of birth, to fingerprint or photo, etc.
	Integrated circuit
	A miniaturized electronic circuit that has been inserted into the surface of a thin substrate of the document.
	Does not hold as much information as a microchip.

ICE HSI-FL Pocket Guide Reference to Document Security Features and Printing Techniques

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Pocket Guide Reference to Document Security Features and Printing Techniques

This Pocket Guide is designed to be a practical source through which definitions and illustrations of various security features and printing techniques can be easily referenced. The features depicted are those often referred to by FDL staff in forensic reports, Document Intelligence Alerts, training material and when assisting the field with suspect documents. Also included are some of the more common forms/techniques of alterations and counterfeiting, as well as some detection tips.

It is important to remember that **ANY** and **EVERY** document can be counterfeited or altered. There is no such thing as a counterfeit-proof document. Concentrate on **QUALITY** and **DETAIL**.

Fraudulent Documents usually fall into one of three categories:

- 1. Genuine fraudulently obtained
- 2. Altered genuine
- 3. Totally counterfeit

Changeable Laser Image (CLI)

Also known as Multiple Laser Image (MLI), Tilted Laser Image (TLI), or Variable Laser Image (VLI)

A laser engraved image or text that changes depending on the angle viewed. In the example below of a sample Swedish passport, "SWE" or the passport bearer's date of birth are visible.



Die Cut

Corners of the passport pages and bearer's photos are usually cut by machine so all corners are even.

Tip: Most passport pages and photos are die cut so hand-trimmed or uneven corners may be a sign of page substitution.



Diffusion Transfer Reversal (DTR)

Process that results in a 3-D appearance. This example is a US Revised I-551.



Digitized Photo

The digital image of the bearer is an integral part of the document. In the case of the US '98 passport, the printing of the photograph and personal data are completed in one step.



Embossing – Dry Seals

A relief impression formed by a mechanical die. The resulting image may have a raided, indented or printed impression.

Tip: Use side-lighting to examine dry seals. Remember to check the reverse side's impression as well. Look for misalignments and/or misspellings.



Misalignment



Misspelling of the word "DEPARTMENT" as "DEPARTAMEN"



Fluorescent Ink

Ink that becomes visible under ultraviolet light. This type of ink is commonly used in a variety of documents.



US Lincoln Visa

Fugitive Ink

Ink that dissolves in a solvent. This is usually found in background printing as a guard against chemical tampering.

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Guilloche

A very detailed decorative image formed of interlacing curved lines.

Tip: When positioned on the biographical page, the guilloche often straddles the page and bearer's photo. To detect possible photo substitution, look for breaks or disturbances in the detailed design as in the image outlined below in red.



US Passport



Denmark Passport



Hologram

An optically variable device created by a photographic process where several parts of the image consist of varying colors or where one or more images become visible depending on the angle of the light source.



Portion of US Optical I-551

Holographic Portrait

Holographic image. In the case of the latest German passport, the holographic reproduction creates a light-dark image of the passport's bearer to the right of the passport photo.



ImagePerf™

A second image perforated in the passport bio-page or identity card, viewed by holding the page up to a light source. Sometimes referred to as "Laser Microperf."



Intaglio ("Feel of Steel")

Raised printing. Printing process in which the image is etched or engraved below the surface of the printing plate. Under heavy pressure, the ink is transferred to the paper. The thickness of the ink on the paper and reverse embossing creates the raised image which can be felt.

Tip: Very difficult to reproduce.



US Non-Immigrant Visa (NIV)

Integrated Photo

Process wherein the image is entered directly into the substrate and is not a separate item such as an attached photo.



Kinegram®

An optically variable device. A computer-generated image that not only changes colors and shapes, but also appears to "move" when held at different angles.





Swedish Passport

US Passport '93

Laminate Counterstrip

To keep the laminate in position, it is stitched into the document which results in a narrow counterstrip on the other side of the binding.



Laser Etching/Lettering/Printing

Laser engraved text or designs that is either burned into or raised above the substrate that can be felt by running one's finger across it.



Latent Image (Intaglio Latent Image)

An image that lies within another printed feature – usually produced using the Intaglio printing process. Image becomes visible by holding the area that contains it obliquely to a strong light source. Often found in decorative borders.

Tip: Extremely difficult to reproduce.

US Lincoln Visa



Canadian IMM-1000



Letterpress

A printing technique similar to stamping. The ink is printed with a raised form producing a buildup of ink along the edges of an embossed character.



Maceration Stamps

The impression is produced by a metal stamp and an inked ribbon. Often the maceration stamp overlaps the photo and the page. Note the weave pattern in the genuine outlined in green below. The color scheme may vary and the plate may or may not have a number such as the "224" shown here.

In the counterfeit example outlined in red, note the lack of the weave pattern and the overall "flat" appearance of the impression.

PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED FOREIGN SERVICE 224 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Metameric Ink

Images applied using metameric ink are only visible when viewed with a specific filter. In the images below from a Uruguayan passport, the image on the left is viewed under normal lighting. When a red filter is placed over the geometric design, an image of an ox can be seen.



Microline Printing

Also called microprinting. Printing that is greatly reduced in size, normally to the point that it is difficult to detect with the unaided eye.



Multiple Diffraction Grating Imagery

Similar to a hologram. The very thin security film on the bio-page of the '98 US passport features multiple diffraction grating image composed of 5 separate designs:

- 1) A large perched eagle surrounded by 13 stars against a glowing background.
- 2) A large 13 stripe banner design to the right of the eagle, comprised of the alternating lines "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "E PLURIBUS UNUM."
- 3) A broad "USA" logo including microline printing.
- 4) 3 coin designs below the banner containing elements from the Great Seal and the Liberty Bell.
- 5) A ¾ profile portrait of Benjamin Franklin behind the banner.

Tip: View the passport at different angles to see all 5.



Offset Lithography (or Wet Offset)

This printing process is the most widely used method of printing. Both of the printing surfaces are level, producing images which are uniform and smooth – there is no raised effect.



Optical Memory Stripe (OMS)

Contains the encoded biographical data and other visible security features. In the case of the US Optical I-551 below, the OMS contains not only the biographical data of the bearer but also clear micro portraits of the first 42 presidents of the US as well as the flags of all 50 states.



Optically Variable Devices (OVDs)

A design, pattern or image which changes color or appearance depending upon the angle at which the object is held to the light source. Although OVDs are one-dimensional, they appear to have depth according to the angle of vision, different motifs and colors that are seen.

Some examples of OVDs are holograms, Kinegrams[®] and pixelgrams. Holograms and Kinegrams[®] are sometimes used, or referred to, interchangeably since the appearance is so similar. But in actuality, there are differences between the two. **Holograms** are created by a photographic process and can be designed in a manner by which several parts of the image consist of varying colors or so that one or more images becomes visible depending on the angle held to the light source. **Kinegrams[®]** are computer generated images with the distinctive characteristic of not only changing colors and shape, but also appear to "move" when held at different angles. **Kinegrams[®]** are also iridescent at almost every angle compared to **holograms** which are iridescent only under a limited number of angles.

Optically Variable Ink (OVI)

Ink that takes on different colors depending on the angle of the light at which it is viewed.



Pixelation

Individual color particles - the process used by color printers and copiers to create images.



Counterfeit UK Passport



Photo Substituted US Revised I-551

Photochromic Ink

When printed with photochromic ink, images exposed to ultraviolet light will darken, and stay dark, for up to several minutes after removal from the UV light. Subsequently, the ink will gradually fade back to the original color. The image below was taken from pg. 15 of a US passport. The image on the left is under normal lighting while the image on the right is after exposure to ultraviolet light.



Planchettes

Small dots or discs (often colored plastic or tissue material) randomly added to paper during the paper making process. Planchettes may or may not be reactive to ultraviolet light and may also be iridescent.



End page of US '98 Passport

Rainbow Printing

In this printing process, one color gradually merges overlapping into another. Where the colors merge, there is no apparent separation. Counterfeiters generally have difficulty reproducing the rainbow printing effect, which is obvious at the merging points.



Retro-reflective Laminate (3M Confirm™)

A design or image incorporated into the laminate that reflects a pre-designed pattern when examined with a retro-reflective viewer.



Honduran Passport



Older Version Netherlands Passport

Scrambled Indicia

A type of latent image where the text or image is visible only through a specially cut glass or plastic plate (decoder) designed for that purpose.



Croatian Passport

Screen (or Silk Screen)

The Screen printing process uses a porous screen as a printing surface. After the desired image is produced on the screen, ink is forced through the surface. This process produces a raised effect and, like Thermography, is often used by counterfeiters to simulate the intaglio effect.



Security Fibers

Security fibers that are inserted into the paper during the paper making process and are randomly located. These fibers may or may not fluoresce depending on the document.



Portion of Italian Passport Page Enlarged



Italian Passport Page Under UV

Security Threads or Strips

A thread or strip that is incorporated into the paper during the paper making process. A variety of different threads are available: metalized, colored, fluorescent, microprinted, chemically sensitive, machine readable, windowed, or thermotext.

Tip: Integral part of the paper structure so very difficult to simulate.



See Through Register

Printing technique whereby images from back to back pages create a completed image when viewed with transmitted light.



Back to Back Pages of Ecuadorian Passport



Completed Image Viewed With Transmitted Light

Striations (on US Revised I-551)

During the production process, the edges of the card are crimped which leaves parallel striations in the laminate. These striations run from the upper left corner to the lower right.

Tip: Striations are often absent on counterfeits, or attempts to simulate leave striations running in the wrong or multiple directions, as seen in the image bordered in red below.



Watermark (Mould)

A watermark is created during the paper making process by varying the thickness and/or density of the paper using a design mould in order to form an image. The image is visible when the page is held up to a light source. As is evident with the image below, the mould watermark consisting of thick and thin lines can be quite intricate.



Watermark (Line)

Another example of a watermark is the line watermark. As shown in the image below, when a page is held up to a light source, text becomes visible in a repeated line. The line watermark does not produce total gradations.



Wet Seals

The application of an authenticating ink impression produced when an ink relief surface is pressed against a substrate. The impression may or may not straddle a photo, visa, etc.



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Birth Certificates

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Birth certificate fraud is often difficult to detect because:

- There are over 6,000 different entities in the U.S. that issue birth certificates.
- There are over 14,000 different versions of U.S. birth certificates in circulation.
- Many agencies do not issue certified copies on secure paper.
- Security features differ by jurisdiction and are sometimes non-existent.

Look for features that may be present in and on the paper:

- Security fibers and threads
- Watermark and planchettes
- Intaglio, letterpress, rainbow and offset lithography printing
- Microprinting and safety block
- Latent images and pantographs

Look for the following identifiers:

- Seals and name of issuing agency
- Pre-printed/variable-printed text or information
- Birth numbers (NOTE: some jurisdictions do not use birth numbers)

When validating the dates on a birth certificate, ensure that:

- The birth certificate bears a file date
- The filing date is not more than one year after the birth
- There may also be instances where there is a valid reason that the issue or file is delayed. This might occur when there is a home birth, an adoption or a first issuance at an older age

<u>Please Note</u>: "Issue date" generally means the date the certified copy of the birth certificate is issued or produced by the authorized agency. "File date" generally refers to the date the original birth information was received by/filed with the agency.

Consular Report of Birth Abroad

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Children born abroad to U.S. citizen parents receive a **Consular Report of Birth Abroad** issued by the Department of State at the U.S. Consular office in the country of birth. The Consular Report of Birth Abroad is acceptable for all legal purposes.

When reviewing the Consular Report of Birth Abroad or the Certification of Report of Birth, check for:

- Feel and weight of secure paper
- Planchettes
- Rainbow printing
- Intaglio border in continuous tone
- Latent images in upper corners
- Images of front and back of Great Seal
- Department of State seal in lower left
- "US Department of State" repeated in background
- Verification statement on the back of the Consular Report of Birth Abroad that the bearer is a U.S. citizen and may use the certificate as proof thereof

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Certification of Report of Birth

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A **Certification of Report of Birth** may have been issued in the U.S. by the Department of State Vital Records Section. This document serves as a certified copy of the Consular Report of Birth Abroad and was issued until 2011. The Consular Report of Birth Abroad and the pre-2011 Certification of Report of Birth are acceptable for all legal purposes.

When reviewing the Consular Report of Birth Abroad or the Certification of Report of Birth, check for:

- Feel and weight of secure paper
- Planchettes
- Rainbow printing
- Intaglio border in continuous tone
- Latent images in upper corners
- Images of front and back of Great Seal
- Department of State seal in lower left
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- Verification statement on the back of the Consular Report of Birth Abroad that the bearer is a U.S. citizen and may use the certificate as proof thereof

2011 Consular Report of Birth Abroad



On January 3, 2011, the Department of State began issuing a redesigned Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA). Multiple copies of this document may be requested at any time. As of December 31, 2010 the Certificate of Report of Birth (CRB) is no longer issued. All previously issued CRBAs and CRBs are still valid for proof of identity, citizenship and other legal purposes.

The redesigned document has state-of-the-art security features that make it extremely resistant to alterations or forgery, and are centrally-issued. Be sure to look for:

- Thick, secure paper
- Rainbow printing utilizing gradient shades of blue, red, orange and yellow
- Continuous tone, intaglio border
- Fine-line background featuring clouds, sunburst, historic and patriotic images
- Color shifting ink in detailed USA emblem
- Barcode in upper left. Number above matches letterpress number in upper right
- Highly-detailed, gold embossed image of the front of the Great Seal
- Letterpress printing in red and matches number displayed above barcode
- Security thread runs entire height of document and features stars and "USA"
- Signature of Department of State Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs and Date of Issuance

Puerto Rican Birth Certificates

Some jurisdictions see a large number of Puerto Rican birth certificates. There were four versions issued prior to a number of 2010 legal changes. Check with your jurisdiction's policies regarding acceptance of pre-2010 certificates.

1978 Version



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1988 Version

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Rev 3/13 Discrepancies

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Discrepancies in legitimate certificates bearing Revision 3/13 have been confirmed including a backwards printed watermark, and dates printed in either US (MM/DD/YY) or Spanish (DD/MM/YY) date formats. Confirmation of other affected revisions is pending.

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2015 Version



The 2015 version incorporates Intaglio, rainbow, and letterpress printing, patterned background, seals, and pantographs. When further details are officially released, this information will be updated.

2015 Incorrect Revision Date



It has been confirmed that an unspecified number of the 2015 version Puerto Rican birth certificates in circulation display a revision date of 3/13 due to a printing error.

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Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO)

The MCO is printed on secure paper and issued by the manufacturer at the vehicle's "birth" and begins its documentation lifecycle. Most jurisdictions require surrender of the MCO upon application for original title.

Vehicle Title

Also printed on secure paper, a *vehicle title* is used as proof of ownership. A title typically contains pre-printed and variable-printed text to display:

- Vehicle Information
- Owner Information
- Lienholder Information
- Transfer of ownership. This area is often on the reverse side and is to be completed and signed by the owner/seller. Buyer's information is typically handwritten in the spaces provided.
- Brands

Vehicle Document Features

Both of the above documents incorporate any number and combination of security features depending upon the issuing entity and version. Look for signs of tampering and these commonly-used features:

- Safety blocks
- Watermarks
- Microprinting
- Security fibers
- Security threads
- Pantographs
- Latent images
- Rainbow printing
- Intaglio printing
- Letterpress printing

Lastly, keep unique identifiers and other key elements in mind. Check for:

- Seals
- Preprinted and variable text
- Signatures

FDR Job Aid – Titles and Vehicle Identification Documents

Indian Nations Titles

Tribal Nations may also issue original vehicle titles. Like those from jurisdictions, these titles vary among issuers. A typical example of a Tribal Nation title is shown here for reference.

Look for the appropriate information, signatures, secure paper and security features.

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Driver's Licenses and ID Cards

Security features can be found in and on the base materials of DL/IDs. Many DL/IDs incorporate laminates which may also contain security features. Look for:

- Personal information in consistent fonts, styles and spacings
- Driver's license number
- Adhered or digitized photo in color or black & white
- Ghosted images
- Restriction or endorsement codes
- Seal of the issuing agency
- Optically variable features
- Overlapping features
- 1D and 2D bar codes
- Magnetic strips
- Signatures
- Microprinting
- Laser perforations





Vertical Format

Many jurisdictions use a visually-distinct card to identify holders under the age of 21. These cards usually include a label such as "UNDER 21" or "MINOR UNTIL (date)". In a majority of jurisdictions, these DL/IDs are issued in a vertical format.

Most jurisdictions using the vertical format have done so without changing the overall license design. It is common to see the same license version in both vertical and horizontal layouts.





Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs)

A number of jurisdictions have begun to offer **Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs)** which are "dual-purpose" documents. In addition to serving as a typical driver's license or ID card, they may be used to re-enter the U.S. or Canada from Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean by land or sea only. Many of the jurisdiction that offer EDLs also offer enhanced ID cards as well which provide all of the border crossing benefits of EDLs but none of the driving privileges.

The EDL verifies both identity and citizenship and is a federally-approved border-crossing document under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Like typical driver's licenses and ID cards, many jurisdictions offer EDL's in multiple formats including vertical formats for minors, etc.

EDL's are jurisdiction specific and often display features very similar to those on typical driver's licenses and ID cards. However, some additional key elements to look for when examining EDL's are:

- "Enhanced" designation
- Image of U.S. or Canadian flag to denote citizenship
- Bar codes
- MRZ





FDR Job Aid – Driver's Licenses and ID Cards

Driver Privilege Cards

A number of jurisdictions have begun to offer a type of driver document to undocumented immigrants or temporary visitors. The rules for issuance, the name of the document, and acceptable purposes vary by jurisdiction. Although these documents often appear very similar to conventional driver licenses, they usually bear a distinguishing color, marking and/or text. However, there are a very small number of jurisdictions that issue an Enhanced Driver License to eligible holders, but a plain license to all others.

In all cases, driver documents that do not verify identity and lawful presence are not acceptable for US federal identification purposes or for accessing federal installations.

It is advisable to check with the issuing agency of the driver documents that you encounter most often to understand the issuing requirements and acceptable purposes of this type of document.



Red Flags

Remember to watch for these red flags:

Text or OVF contain the word(s)	The image in the OVF is a	The seal contains the words
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Diplomatic Credentials

These cards are issued by the US Department of State (DOS) to diplomatic and consular officers and other foreign government personnel stationed in the US, and who are entitled to some degree of diplomatic or consular immunity. Diplomatic and other official identification cards are issued using a number of colored borders. The different colors of blue, green, and red are used to denote the category of the bearer.

The cards all share similar formats, security features, and information displayed, including personal data, DOB, title, and assignment location.

Note the differences in the card categories, including the card title banner and, most importantly, the explanation of immunity benefits explained on the back of the card.



FDR Job Aid – Travel Documents

Travel Documents

Passports

US '98 Version

Security Features:

- Offset lithography
- Fine-line graphics
- Digitized photo with overlapping features. As of November 1, 2016, eyeglasses are no longer allowed in US passport photos
- Microprinting in signature line
- OVF in security film
- Rainbow printing
- Planchettes
- Watermark (interior pages)

Data Encoding

- 1D Bar code (back cover page)
- MRZ

Key Elements

- Offset preprinted text in 3 languages
- Cover color (blue, maroon, black)
- Gold cover printing and Great Seal
- Cover seal bears:
 - 13 stars, stripes, arrows and leaves
 - 9 tail feathers



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US e-Passport

Security Features

- OVF in security film
- Microprinting in signature line
- Digitized photo with overlapping features
- Latent images
- Security threads and fibers (interior pages)

Data Encoding

- 1D Bar code (back cover page)
- MRZ
- Integrated circuit

Key Elements

- Cover color (blue, maroon, black)
- Gold cover printing, Great Seal and E-Passport logo
- Cover seal bears:
 - 13 stars, stripes, arrows and leaves
 - o 9 tail feathers
- Visa pages feature historical images and quotes
- Control number and bar code printed within a white box on the inside back cover

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US Emergency Passport

Security Features

- Digitized photo using overlapping security lines
- Overlapping features
- Microprinting
- Latent images
- Color shifting ink
- Security thread
- Watermark
- Laminate

Data Encoding

MRZ

Key Elements

- The words "EMERGENCY PASSPORT USA"
- U.S. flag in black to blue optically variable ink
- Microprinting on all twelve pages
- Red intaglio on front and back inside covers
- "USA" in optically variable ink on inside front cover
- Latent images and 1D Bar code on inside back cover
- Security threads and watermarks in Pages 3-10
- Limitations and endorsements on Page 11



Service Passport

Beginning in October 2016, gray Service Passports are issued on a limited basis to non-personnel services (3rd party) contractors to support the US government when a regular passport cannot be used.

- It uses a security film featuring:
- A bust of George Washington
- Verse from the National Anthem
- Constellation of stars
- The US Capitol
- Ocean wave
- Harvest imagery





2008 US Passport Card

Security Features:

- Fine line detail
- Rainbow printing
- Tactile laser etching
- Debossing
- OVD with metalized tab
- Overlapping features
- Color shifting ink

Data Encoding:

- RFID
- MRZ
- 1D Bar code

Key Elements

- Two-line heading of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and
 - ★ PASSPORT CARD ★ "
- The bottom of the card displays "UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE". Each is printed in dark blue in a unique font
- Card number
- Stars and Stripes, Great Seal and Eagle images
- PASSsystem logo





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2010 US Passport Card

A revised version of the Passport Card was introduced in April 2010. The most prominent differences from the previous version are:

A. Secondary "Ghost" Photo

B. New pseudo-codes, designed to be machineread by document authenticator devices. These strings will vary according to the bearer's data C. Three stars near the upper right corner forming a right triangle, and a second constellation of three to five stars in the upper center of the card

The reverse of the card is similar to the previous version, with three additions:

- A small blue star in the upper right corner
- In the upper right quadrant below "State," a security string of variable data
- In the upper left, a four-character alphanumeric block arranged in a two-by-two square

The MRZ contains a "B" in the position noted by the blue circle above, identifying the card as the revised version of the document. Cards of the original 2008 format have an "A" in the same location.



2008 Version





2012 US Passport Card

Version 3.0 of the US Passport Card was introduced in October 2012. The card is solid polycarbonate, and retains the major graphic design and security features of the earlier versions. Other changes include:

Front:

• The OVD and data fields in that area have been moved three millimeters to the right.

• The Surname and Given Names fields are moved up, are both left-aligned with each other, and are closer to the photograph.

• Some data fields now use a smaller font size. The font size of the Sex, Date of Birth, and most security strings stays the same.

• The Nationality field and three asterisks just to the left have been reversed in location.

Back:

• The star which appeared in the upper right corner has been removed, and a small square has been added before "United States Department of State."



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Visas

US Teslin® Visa

Security Features:

- Intaglio printing
- Microprinting
- Color shifting ink
- Overlapping feature
- Rainbow printed background

Data Encoding:

• MRZ

Key Elements

- Control number
- Digitized images
- Serial number printed in red
- The Great Seal with "USA" design repeated in the background

US Lincoln Visa

Security Features:

- Intaglio printing
- Latent image
- Microprinting
- Color shifting ink
- Overlapping feature
- Security fibers
- Rainbow printed background

Data Encoding

MRZ

Key Elements

- Control number
- Digitized image
- Serial number printed in red
- Images from Lincoln Memorial and Capitol dome





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US I-94

When a foreign visitor is given permission to enter the U.S., he/she will be issued an I-94. The "D/S" label means "Duration of Stay" and may be undefined. In these cases, further documentation is needed.

The bottom part of the I-94 is stapled to a page in the visitor's foreign passport.

The I-94 document itself does NOT contain security features. There are two types of I-94 documents: the I-94 and the I-94W.

The I-94 is white and used for visitors with a valid U.S. visa.

The I-94W is green and must be completed by all nonimmigrant visitors seeking entry to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). The passport and departure portion of the I-94W must be in the applicant's possession at all times until the applicant departs the U.S.

All I-94s must have an admission stamp which is usually placed next to or overlapping the visa. The departure date shows when the visitor must leave the U.S.

The I-94 Admission Stamp has the following elements:

• ¾ oval shape with curved outer text

• The words "ADMITTED" and " DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION"

- Red ink used for date of admission
- Codes:
 - Two-digit code to left of date
 - Three-digit alpha code under word "ADMITTED"
 - Four-digit code to right of date
- Admission stamp
- Color: I-94 (white) and I-94W (green)
 - Variable information is capitalized and can be handwritten or typed

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I-551 ADIT Stamp

In August 2005, DHS-USCIS introduced a new Temporary I-551 ADIT (Alien Documentation, Identification and Telecommunications System) Stamp. The ADIT stamp is usually placed in the foreign passport of a legal permanent resident to prove legal presence until his/her Permanent Resident Card is received.



On July 1, 2014, USCIS retired the red ink used with ADIT stamps and began using a new blue security ink. The ink fluoresces lime green when viewed under UV light. The blue security ink is used on these stamps:

- Temp I-552 (ADIT)
- Initial/Replacement I-94
- DHS Parole
- Section 207 (Refugee)
- Section 208 (Asylum)

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2013 I-94 Automation



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

I-94 Automation

Overview

In order to increase efficiency, reduce operating costs and streamline the admissions process, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has automated Form I-94 at air and sea ports of entry. The paper form will no longer be provided to a traveler upon arrival, except in limited circumstances. The traveler will be provided with a CBP admission stamp on their travel document. If a traveler needs a copy of their I-94 (record of admission) for verification of alien registration, immigration status or employment authorization, it can be obtained from. www.cbp.gov/194.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Form I-94?

Form I-94 is the DHS Arrival/Departure Record issued to aliens who are admitted to the U.S., who are adjusting status while in the U.S. or extending their stay, among other things. A CBP officer generally attaches the I-94 to the non-immigrant visitor's passport upon U.S. entry. The visitor must exit the U.S. on or before the departure date stamped on the I-94.

How will the new I-94 automation impact international travelers' entry to the U.S.?

I-94 automation will not impact a traveler's ability to enter the U.S. CBP will continue to create an I-94 record for all travelers who require one, but the paper form will be created in an electronic format and not provided to the traveler. If a traveler requires a paper version of Form I-94, it will be available at <u>www.cbp.gov/194</u>

Will CBP provide a traveler with any documentation or evidence showing status and time allowed in the U.S.?

Yes. CBP will provide each traveler with an admission stamp that is annotated with date of admission, class of admission and admitted until date. The electronic arrival/departure record can be obtained at <u>www.cbp.gov/I94</u>.

Will travelers need to do anything differently when exiting the U.S.? How can they be sure their departure will be recorded properly with this new the I-94 automation process? Travelers will not need to do anything differently upon exiting the U.S. Travelers issued a paper Form I-94 should surrender it to the commercial carrier or CBP upon departure. The departure will be recorded electronically with manifest information provided by the carrier or by CBP. If travelers did not receive a paper Form I-94 and the record was created electronically, CBP will record their departure using manifest information obtained from the carrier.

Need Your I-94 Admission Number? Go to www.cbp.gov/I94

How does a traveler revalidate a visa without their I-94?

The I-94 admission record is created electronically and maintained in CBP systems. CBP will verify the I-94 electronically to re-validate an expired visa if the traveler meets the conditions of automatic revalidation. If entry occurred prior to automation, a paper form must be presented in order to comply with validation requirements. For more information about automatic revalidation go to <u>http://www.cbp.gov/</u> <u>linkhandler/cgov/travel/id_visa/revalidation.ctt/</u> revalidation.pdf.

For more information on I-94 automation or any CBP related questions, visit www.CBP.gov.

US Travel Documents

2007 Version

The front cover of the 2007 version is teal in color and features the DHS seal.

The 2007 inside cover and biographical information pages contain:

- Rainbow printing
- Microprinting in signature line
- Integrated photograph covered by a crystagram
- Designation above photo:
 - Permit to Re-Enter" indicates lawful permanent resident
 - "Refugee Travel Document" indicates refugee status
- Stamped booklet number
- MRZ

Interior pages feature:

- Crystagram[®] displaying "USA", DHS seal and waved pattern of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"
- Statue of Liberty centered in page
- Microprinting both vertically and horizontally
- Reverse chain lock stitch of white thread for binding
- DHS watermark
- D bar code



2003 Version

The front cover of the 2003 version:

- Is mint green with DHS seal
- Bears double diagonal stripes in upper left on booklets numbered 2000000001 to 2000057900
- Does NOT bear stripes on booklets numbered 2000057901 and higher

The 2003 inside cover and biographical information page contain:

- Rainbow printing
- Microprinting in signature line
- Stamped booklet number
- MRZ
- Designation above photo:
 - "Permit to Re-Enter" indicates lawful permanent resident
 - "Refugee Travel Document" indicates refugee status
- Documents issued from September 2003 to September 2004 feature ¾ profile
- Documents issued September 2004 and later feature photo using frontal view



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2003 Version Interior

Interior pages within the 2003 version feature:

- Crystagram[®] displaying "USA", DHS seal and waved pattern of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"
- Statue of Liberty centered in page
- Microprinting both vertically and horizontally
- Reverse chain lock stitch of white thread for binding
- DOJ watermark
- 1D bar code

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Purpose of Travel Document

A Travel Document issued by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services has no effect under the Immigration laws, except to show that the person holding the document is returning from a person holding the document is returning from a temporary visit abroad and relieved from having to obtain a visa at an American Embasity or Consulate to enter the United States. It does not exempt him or her from meeting other requirements of the immi-gration laws. The following and other aliens found folds inadmissible under the immigration laws are subject to removal if attempting to reenter the United States, notwithstanding they may be in per-sension of a Travel Document issued by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services:

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- Other criminal, immoral, insane, mentally of , physically defective aliens; and 4
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Important Information for Holders of **Travel** Document

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A. Reentry Permit

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- The bearer will be permitted to return to the United States within the period of validity of this document and may be accorded the immigration status specified therein.
- 3. Tittlee beares of this document takes up residence in another country and wishes to travel again, he or she must apply to the country of the document. In such taxes, the new country of residence is requested to withdraw this travel document and return it to the BCS Network Service Center, FG Rey 87131, Liquidit, 38 anso;
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US Border Crossing Cards

2008 Version

Security Features:

- Fine line detail
- Rainbow printing
- Tactile laser etching
- Debossing
- OVD with metalized tab
- Overlapping features
- Color shifting ink

Data Encoding:

- RFID
- MRZ
- 1D Bar code

Key Elements

- Two-line heading of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and
 B1/B2 VISA / BORDER CROSSING CARD ". ★
- The bottom of the card displays "UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE". Each is printed in a unique font.
- Code and stock numbers
- Butte, woven pattern and Great Seal images
- PASSsystem logo





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2012 Revisions

The 2012 BCC version has retained the graphic design and security features of the 2008 version. Changes to this version include:

A) The transparent embossed Great Seal on the upper left portion of the front of the document is a much lower relief than on earlier versions.

B) The OVD and the data fields to its right have been moved three millimeters to the right.

C) Date-of-birth data is more tactile.

D) The card is now solid polycarbonate - this can be seen in an edge-on view.

E) To indicate the new version, a small square has been placed just before "United States Department of State".



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2014 Revisions

The Department of State began issuing this version of the DSP-150 Border Crossing Card (BCC) in May 2014.

Among its enhancements is an improved radio frequency identification (RFID) chip that is expected to significantly increase read rates at ports of entry.

The BCC has two different RFID configurations. While the antenna placement varies between the two, the outward appearance of the BCC is the same regardless of the internal antenna placement.

Security Features:

- Fine line detail
- Rainbow printing
- Tactile laser etching
- OVD
- Overlapping features
- Color shifting ink

Data Encoding:

- RFID
- MRZ
- 1D Bar code

Key Elements:

- A. OVD
- B. Microprinting
- C. C. Tactile features
- D. Personal tactile feature
- E. Personal microprinting



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Pre-2008 Version

The front of the card displays:

- Digitized image
- Fingerprint
- MRZ (This example contains purposeful errors)
- Hologram

USA B1/B2 VISA/BCC NAME SPECIMEN, TEST



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The back of the card features:

- 1D bar code
- Card serial number
- Map of the United States
- Optical memory strip
- Personalized Information



Map of U.S.

Social Security Cards



Authenticating Social Security cards can be difficult as there are many different versions still in circulation. When examining security features of the card, check for:

- Printed text appears in the correct color.
- 1983 and later versions of the card feature SSN in unique font.
- Intaglio printing that is correct for that version.
- The location, text and images of the seal.
- Microprinting in the signature line on cards issued after October 1983. Cards issued prior to that date do not.
- Cards issued after 1942 bear a version date on the back.
- In June 2011, the Social Security Administration (SSA) began randomizing all newly-issued Social Security Numbers (SSNs).

Every Social Security card will have a seal. Because many counterfeiters confuse or disregard the seals, it is important to check that the seal and issue year correspond.

- 1936-1946: Social Security Board
- 1946-1953: Social Security Administration
- 1953-1980: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
- 1980-1995: Department of Health and Human Services
- 1995-present: Social Security Administration (with eagle, "USA" and shield)

1983 Version



1983 Version

- Offset marbleized blue background
- Intaglio printed header, pillars and bottom bar
 This is an important security feature that can be felt on 1983 and later cards.
- Centered name and number
- At least 3 edges are perforated
- "U", "R", and "I" in "SECURITY" are connected
- Microprinting in signature line
- "Department of Health and Human Services, USA" in seal
- Image in the seal is side view of an eagle
- Control number on the back of the card
- Planchettes scattered on front and back
- "I", "A" and "L" in "SOCIAL" are connected in some versions

1988 Version



1988 Version In 1988, a VOID pantograph was added to the card background.

1995 Version



1995 Version

In 1995, the seal was changed to use the words "Social Security Administration" and a new image of an eagle above "USA" and shield.

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2004 Version



2004 Version

2004 changes to the Social Security card include the display of the holder's full legal name and the removal of the VOID pantograph.

The phrase "Valid for work only with DHS Authorization" was substituted for "Valid for work only with INS authorization" found on previous versions of non-immigrant and non-U.S. citizen cards.

2007 Version





Social Security Administration Form SSA-3000 (10-2007) F24180708

2007 Version

- "SSA" latent Image in upper left.
- "USA" latent Image in upper right.
- Microprint around borders and in signature line.
- "USA" in Color Shifting Ink.
- Name separated on two lines:
 - First and middle names on top line.
 - Last name on second line.
- Blue ink used in "This number has been established for" text line.
- Card issue date is on bottom right.
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Resident Alien/Permanent Resident Cards

1977 Resident Alien Card



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Security features:

- Laminate
- Overlapping feature--Salmon-colored wavy lines on the full face of the card <u>except</u> the blue header, DOJ seal and fingerprint box

- Back of the card features a map of the Continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii:
 - Double lines found on Eastern and Northern Border of USA map
 - Triple lines found on Western and Southern borders of USA map
 - This motif also applies to Alaska and Hawaii
- Version date on the card back
- Displays no expiration date and is valid indefinitely
- Blue Department of Justice (DOJ) seal located front and center of card
- Digital photo 3/4 profile usually exposing the right ear

1997 Permanent Resident Card



Security and encoding features:

- MRZ
 - OVF on front:
 - Statue of Liberty, INS seal and letters "USA"
 - Repeating "United States of America" alternating with "US Immigration and Naturalization Service"
 - Optical memory strip containing:
 - Map of the United States
 - Statue of Liberty
 - INS seal
 - Personalized Information (photo, name, signature, date of birth, alien registration number and expiration date)
 - Card serial number

- White, polymer card displays "Permanent Resident Card" header
- Seal located on front, in OVF and on optical memory strip
- Digitized photo displays 3/4 profile usually exposing the right ear
- Displays expiration date and usually valid for 10 years

2004 Permanent Resident Card



Security and encoding features:

- MRZ
- OVF on front:
 - Statue of Liberty, DHS seal and letters "USA"
 - Repeating phrases "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY"
- Optical memory strip containing:
 - Map of the U.S., Statue of Liberty, DHS seal
 - Personalized Information (photo, name, signature, date of birth, alien registration number and expiration date)
 - Card serial number

- White, plastic card displays "Permanent Resident Card" header
- Seal located on front, in OVF and on optical memory strip
- Both ¾ and full frontal images may be seen on the Optical I-551 with DHS seal
- Displays expiration date and usually valid for 10 years

2010 Permanent Resident Card

Security and encoding features: A) Gold to Green color shifting ink B) RFID C) Tactile laser personalization D) Holographic OVD E) Laser engraved fingerprint F) Unique, complex background G) Micro-images of state flags H) Laser engraved personalization I) Optical memory stripe J) Micro-images of U.S. presidents





2012 Mint Marking

In November 2012, USCIS added a 2-digit, laser engraved mint mark to the back of the card.

- The first digit ranges from 1-4
 - The second digit ranges from 1-3



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2017 Permanent Resident Card

A redesigned Permanent Resident Card was released on May 1, 2017. It will be issued concurrently with the most recent prior version until stock is depleted. All previous versions of the I-551 remain valid until their expiration dates. The full card image shown here uses oblique lighting to highlight the tactile features on the front of the card, including personal data elements.

- The bearer's name and date of birth appear in a wave of variable size text in the upper left of the card. The three stars are transparent.

- An OVF protects the portrait and personal data. Its metallic and transparent holographic features include the Statue of Liberty's head, a pattern of stars, and an outline of the United States.

- The flame in the upper center of the card is printed in optically variable ink that appears to change from gold to green.

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The reverse of the card contains a 3-line MRZ and no longer has the optical stripe found on several prior versions of the card. It contains a secondary portrait of the bearer and personal data protected by an OVF showing the same Statue of Liberty torch design that appears more boldly on the front.

- The form number and revision date (02-2016) appear in the upper left corner.

- The reverse of the card has the same image shown on the front. Both are laser engraved and appear in grayscale. The OVF contains both metallized and transparent holographic elements.

- The bearer's date of birth and sex are laser etched.



If found, drop in any US Mailbox. USPS: Mail to USCIS, 7 Product Way, Lees Summit, MO 64002

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Extension Stickers

In June 2000, the U.S. government began issuing extension stickers to be placed on the top back of the Permanent Resident Card. A hole is punched through the month and year to show the expiration date. The extension sticker's only security feature is optically variable ink that shifts from green to orange.

Employment Authorization Cards

I-688 Employment Authorization Card



The I-688 document was first issued in 1989. A modified version was later issued in 1995. The only difference between the 1989 and 1995 versions of the cards cards is:

- In the 1989 issue, the name appears on one line.
- In the 1995 issue, the name appears on two lines.

Security features:

- White cardstock with laminate
- OVF of the DOJ seal
- Overlapping design over entire card except the gold expiration box and header
- 4-letter code overlaps the right edge of the photo

- Digitized photo 3/4 profile usually exposing the right ear
- Digitized signature
- Fingerprint

I-766 Employment Authorization Card



The I-688 was redesigned in plastic in 1997 and renamed the I-766. A second version of the I-766 was issued in 2004 using DHS designs and seal.

1997 Security features:

- Laminate containing OVFs of:
 - Statue of Liberty in center
 - Letters "USA" in center
 - "US Immigration and Naturalization Service" repeatedly across face

2004 Security features:

- Laminate containing OVFs of:
 - Statue of Liberty in center
 - Letters "USA" in center
- "Department of Homeland Security" and "United States of America" repeats across face
- Card appears as a red color when viewed with transmitted light
- Thin red stripe between the layers of laminate

I-766 Employment Authorization Card (Back)



The back of the card contains:

Data encoding features:

- 1D bar code
- Magnetic stripe
- 2D bar code

- Serial number
- Disclaimer

2011 Employment Authorization Card

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In late 2011, USCIS began circulation of a redesigned Employment Authorization Card. Using features very similar to the 2010 Permanent Resident Card, this version of the EAC includes:

- Optically Variable Ink in torch image in upper right
- Holographic image in card center
- Laser engraved black and white photo
- Laser engraved fingerprint
- Card and case numbers
- Fine-line and complex background images

Back of card:

- 1D bar code
- MRZ
- Unique background design
- USDHS seal

In November 2012, USCIS added a 2-digit, laser engraved mint mark to the back of the card.

- The first digit ranges from 1-4
- The second digit ranges from 1-3



2017 Employment Authorization Card

USCIS introduced a redesigned Employment Authorization Card (Form I-766) on May 1, 2017. It will be issued concurrently with the most recent prior version until stock is depleted. The new card shows a revision date of 02-2016. All previous versions remain valid until the expiration date shown on the card. The full card image shown here uses oblique lighting to highlight the tactile features on the front of the card, including personal data elements.

- The bearer's name and date of birth appear in a wave of variable size text in the upper left of the card. The three stars are transparent.

- An OVF protects the portrait and personal data. Its metallic and transparent holographic features include the Statue of Liberty's head, a pattern of stars, and an outline of the United States.

- Cards marked "VALID FOR REENTRY TO U.S." or "SERVES AS I-512 ADVANCE PAROLE" may be used for travel into the US. Cards marked "NOT VALID FOR REENTRY TO U.S." are valid for employment only.

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The reverse of the card contains a 3-line MRZ, a secondary portrait of the bearer, and personal data protected by an OVF showing the same soaring eagle design that appears more boldly on the front.

- The form number and revision date (02-2016) appear in the upper left corner.

- The reverse of the card has the same image shown on the front. Both are laser engraved and appear in grayscale. The OVF contains both metallized and transparent holographic elements.

- The bearer's date of birth and sex are laser etched.

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FORM I-766

If found, drop in any US Mailbox. USPS: Mail to USCIS, 7 Product Way, Lees Summit, MO 64002

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Certificates of Citizenship and Naturalization



Both certificates are made from a thicker bond paper and are similar in appearance to U.S. currency.

Look for these security features:

- Intaglio printing
- Letterpress printing of serial numbers
- Continuous tone print around border
- Watermarks

Both certificates also feature:

- Block style text
- Blue or gray in color

The certificates display the Great Seal of the United States on the top center. Beginning in November 1987, gold embossed seals were used. Certificates issued prior to that date feature printed seals.

A color photograph of the individual is usually adhered to the certificate. Be certain that the photo is not adhered on top of another original photograph.

Both of these documents should contain a signature on the front.

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2010 Certificate of Naturalization



In late 2010, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began phasing in a redesigned, more secure Certificate of Naturalization to newly-naturalized citizens. These redesigned certificates utilize tamper-resistant printing technology and contain the following new features:

- Digitized photo and signature embedded into the document
- USCIS seal embossed to overlap the left side of the photo
- A standardized size of 8 ½ by 11 inches
- Offset rainbow printing consisting of a blend from teal to orange to teal

NOTE: All previously-issued Certificates of Naturalization remain valid

FDR Job Aid – U.S. Immigration Documents

2011 Certificate of Citizenship

In late 2011, USCIS began to issue redesigned certificates with features similar to those of the 2010 Certificate of Naturalization. New features include:

- Digitized photo and signature embedded into the document
- USCIS seal embossed to overlap photo
- A standardized size of 8 1/2 x 11 inches
- Offset rainbow printing consisting of a blend of teal to orange to teal
- Watermark

NOTE: All previously issued Certificates of Citizenship remain valid





ALTERATION OR MISUSE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE AND PUNISHABLE BY LAW

In early 2013, USCIS made a slight change to **both** the Certificate of Naturalization and the Certificate of Citizenship.

The revised certificates show a form number with revision date of 10/12 in the lower right corner outside the border.

Beneath the photo area, a legal warning appears in red.

2018 Edition

FDR Job Aid – Military Identification Cards

Military Identification Cards

Uniformed Services ID Cards

Military retirees or military family members must have a Uniformed Services ID Card to access military service benefits or privileges. There are seven different Uniformed Services ID Cards. The benefits associated with each card depend on who the individual is or who their sponsor is.

ID Card Topology





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Common Access Cards

The CAC is the standard identification for active duty uniformed service personnel, Selected Reserve, DoD civilian employees, and eligible contractor personnel. It is also the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces, and it provides access to DoD computer networks and systems.

CAC Topology



CAC Color Coding

Note: CACs issued from 25 July 2015 will have an added affiliation color code to aid those with impaired color perception in recognizing the affiliation of the cardholder. "B" for Blue, "W" for White, or "G" for Green is printed in a white circle under the expiration date.



CAC Types and Eligibility



FDR Job Aid – Military Identification Cards

Geneva Conventions CAC for Medical, Medical Auxiliary, or Religious Occupational Specialties

The front of the Geneva Conventions CAC with the red cross emblem is similar in layout with other DoD CACs with exception of the distinctive red cross printed at the bottom right side of the card, just to the right of the Integrated Circuit Chip. The individual's specific capacity (Medical, Medical Auxiliary, or Religious) is printed beneath the red cross emblem.



For More Information Regarding the DoD CAC Visit WWW.CAC.MIL

The DoD CAC offers additional security capabilities to help prevent identification fraud. Unauthorized reproduction, imitation, or likeness of the CAC is punishable under 18 U.S.C. Section 701.

2017 Magnetic Stripe Changes

In October 2017, the DOD began to phase out magnetic stripes featured on the back of CAC cards. Existing stocks with the stripe will continue to be used until depleted, and prior versions of the card remain valid until their expiration.

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Canadian Travel, Citizenship, and Immigration Documents Passports 2013-Issue



In 2013, a number of Canadian travel documents were updated to ePassport formats:

- Regular passport
- Diplomatic passport
- Special passport
- Refugee Travel Document
- Certificate of Identity

These documents share many security features that make the document even more tamperproof, including (but not limited to):

- An electronic chip embedded in the back cover stores the same personal information shown on Page 2 of the passport (except for the signature), the photo, and a digital security feature that proves the passport was issued by the Government of Canada.
- New images in the inside pages celebrate Canada and serve as extra security features.

2017 Observation

On August 31, 2017, the Canadian government began offering an observation noting that the holder's sex should read as "X", defined as "unspecified". The observation and remark will be available temporarily, until the information can be printed directly on the biographical data page. During this time, Canadian travel and citizenship documents will continue to bear an "M" or "F" in the sex field.



Passports 2013-Issue Common Features

The 2013 version of these documents share a number of security features.

The end leaves feature:

- 1) Variable size microprinting
- 2) Fine line Coat of Arms
- 3) Latent image
- 4) Positive and negative variable size microprinting

Common features of the end leaves also include:

- 1) Laser perforation (back leaf only)
- 2) Rainbow printed background
- 3) Three-colour intaglio
- 4) Microprinting screen





The biographical data page contains:

- 1) Laser perforation
- 2) Embedded page number in relief pattern
- 3) Intaglio latent image
- 4) Intaglio microprinting
- 5) Stock control number
- 6) Anti-copy linework
- 7) Microprinting
- 8) Intaglio dry emboss
- 9) Secondary greyscale image
- 10) Optically variable ink
- 11) Rainbow printed background
- 12) See-through register
- 13) Stock control number waves
- 14) Positive and negative variable size microprinting



Laminate security features include:

- 1) Variable size text spiral
- 2) Modulation of relief text
- 3) Greyscale maple leaf
- 4) Fine line guilloche

5) Canadian national anthem in English and French microprinting

6) Brick pattern in various shapes

7) Positive and negative variable size microprinting



Interior pages feature:

- 1) Fine line patterns
- 2) Embedded page number in relief pattern
- 3) Laser perforation
- 4) See-through register
- 5) Anti-copy embedded page number
- 6) Guilloche pattern
- 7) Collation marks
- 8) Anti-copy pattern
- 9) Positive and negative microprinting
- 10) Watermark
- 11) Rainbow printing
- 12) Positive and negative variable size microprinting

The interior pages of the travel documents also feature iconic images showcasing Canada's history.









CANADA

Travel Documents Issued Abroad 2013-Issue

The **Temporary Passport** is issued by consulates for Canadian citizens with lost/stolen/expired travel documents, and contains:

- 1) Laser perforation
- 2) Stock control number
- 3) Anti-copy/anti-scan pattern
- 4) Fine line pattern
- 5) Rainbow printing
- 6) Positive and negative variable size microprinting

The **Emergency Travel Document (ETD)** issued by Canadian missions abroad and is valid for a single journey only.

Security Features:

- Watermark
- Security fibres and planchettes
- Fine line background
- Microprinting
- Letterpress numbering and 1D barcode
- Affixed photo with overlapping ink stamp

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All pages (except front cover) are laser perforated with book control number.

- "CANADA" shifts from dark blue to cyan to green.
- Partial maple leaf design elements form a perfect register when viewed in transmitted light.
- Visible index tabs beginning on Page 5.

Visas

2012 Visa



On April 1, 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) began issuing a more secure version of the visa counterfoil. This enhanced counterfoil contains additional security features and no longer contains a security seal.

Security features include:

- Multiple die cuts
- Shatter cuts
- Letterpress printing
- OVD
- Tactile printing
- Latent image
- Security fibres
- Shadow data
- Intaglio printing
- Microprinting
- Fine line and rainbow printing

2000-2012 Visa



Security Features

- Kinegram[®]
- Security fibres
- Intaglio printing
- Latent image of the word "VISA"
- Laminate with holographic image of RCMP musical ride
- Microprinting of lyrics of "O Canada"
- Microprinted "Citizenship and Immigration Canada"

Data Encoding

- MRZ
- 1D Bar Code (discontinued in April 2005)

- Two separate serial number locations:
 - The first is printed in RED at the right edge of the document
 - Printed vertically
 - Alphanumeric
 - Numbers graduate in size from small to large
 - The second is printed in BLACK at the bottom of the laminate
- Image of the maple leaf to the left of the bio data is die cut
- Image of the RCMP musical ride

IMM1442



In February 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada began a national rollout of the single-page version IMM1442 generic secure form. This version was first introduced at the CPC Vegreville location in March 2011. The new format is issued for:

- Study permits
- Work permits
- Visitor records
- Temporary resident permits

Security Features include:

- OVD
- Optically variable ink
- Perforated edge (one side only)
- Letterpress printing
- Latent image
- Intaglio and microprinting
- Fine line true colour background printing
- Ink jet personalization
- Colour shifting security seal (only when photo is present)
- Overlapping (when photo is present) wet seal (port stamp)

IMM1442 2013 Version

In May of 2013 a new version of the IMM 1442 (Series DD) was introduced.

Security Features include:

- OVD
- Optically variable ink
- Letterpress printing
- Latent image
- Intaglio and microprinting
- Fine line true colour background printing

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2012 Integrated Port Stamp



In April 2012, CBSA began issuing a new CBSA integrated stamp. All previous versions of customs or immigration stamps will be retired and no longer authorized for use.

Certificate of Citizenship

2012 Certificate of Citizenship

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As of February 1, 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) stopped producing the plastic wallet-sized citizenship certificate (card with photo).

CIC designed the new citizenship certificate to facilitate electronic validation of citizenship status by key federal and provincial partners directly with CIC.

With this certificate, CIC is making it clear that the citizenship certificate is a status document only, and not an identity document or travel document.

All previous versions of the citizenship certificate remain valid.

2002-2012 Certificate of Citizenship

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The front of the card features:

- Intaglio printing for border, images and microprinting around border
- Offset printing for the Coat of Arms
- Safety block behind name

The back of the card features:

- Full laminate
- Digitized photo integrates with background
- Offset printing of Canadian flag and heading "Government of Canada" (with microprinting feature under this heading)
- Laser printing for biographical data
- Letterpress printing for serial number
- Microprinting under the serial number

Pre-2002 Certificates of Citizenship



The image above displays additional examples of some of the pre-2002 versions of the CIC currently in circulation and still valid.
Secure Certificate of Indian Status



The Secure Certificate of Indian Status, also known as the Indian Status Card, is issued by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and allows access to certain federal programs and services.

The 2010 version contains:

- Black and white photo
- See-through window feature
- First Nations OVD
- Wave pattern printing
- Anti-copy linework
- Microprinting
- Tactile control number and birth year along left edge of photo

Data Encoding:

• 1D Bar codes (2 locations on back of card)

• MRZ - NOTE: Cards bearing an MRZ can be treated as a WHTI document because they contain citizenship data.

A second version of this card is issued WITHOUT the MRZ and should not be used for US/Canada travel. This second version may or may not contain text on the reverse side of the card in the area traditionally reserved for the MRZ.

Key Elements:

- Wildlife Images
- INAC Registration Number
- National Print Centre Document ID Number (top of back side)

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Permanent Resident Card

2012 Permanent Resident Card

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The Permanent Resident Card was introduced in 2002 as an enhanced status document for permanent residents of Canada. The card design has been updated and the original version is being phased out. Older cards will remain valid until their expiry.

This version shares the security features of the August 2009 version (detailed next) EXCEPT that the digital signature beneath the bearer's photo is no longer displayed.

FDR Job Aid – Canadian Travel, Citizenship, and Immigration Documents

August 2009 Permanent Resident Card



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This version features:

- Tactile laser engraving
- Microprinting
- Unique serial number
- 1D and 2D barcodes
- Kinegram[®]
- Optically variable ink (OVI[™])
- Security printing in background
- MRZ
- Window feature

June 2002 Permanent Resident Card



Front of Card

- Offset rainbow/colour printing for background
- Offset lines in background
- Colour shifting ink for map of Canada that changes from gold to green to copper
- Smooth laser engraving having no tactile effect on photo
- Smooth laser engraving having tactile effect on personal data (including signature)
- Tactile laser engraving for map of Canada and all personal data including wave text above image of holder
- Kinegram[®] of metallic stamp/maple leaf
 - Continuous movement effect of maple leaf; "Canada" is printed along perimeter Microprinting:
 - Above the photo and containing the name, gender and DOB in decreasing size
 - Printed vertically between the English and French title of the card
 - Printed in a wave beside and below the photo

Back of Card

- Smooth laser etching for the serial number
- Smooth laser etching for date, place, category of landing and small photo
- Tactile laser etching height, eye colour and country of birth

Data Encoding:

- Optical Memory Strip:
 - Embedded hologram of cardholder photo, name, DOB and nationality
 - · Micro images of provincial flags, official flowers and coats of arms
 - "Property of Canada" printed in lower right corner of the stripe
- MRZ

Microprinting: Appears above the MRZ

New Canadian Birth Certificates



Individual

Parental

Most Canadian jurisdictions began the introduction of a new birth certificate in 2008. It is:

- Made with a high-security polymer and contains over 20 visible and covert security features
- Available in one size only, approx. 125mm (5 in) X 176 mm (7 in)
- Available in 2 formats individual (commonly known as short form) and parental (commonly known as long form)

Security features include:

- Polymer material with clear window feature
- Watermark
- Intaglio printing
- Rainbow printing
- Latent image
- Anti-copy linework
- Colour shifting window
- Colour shifting ink

Data encoding feature:

Maximum of 2 bar codes

Key Elements include:

- Provincial/Territorial Coat of Arms/Brand
- Provincial/Territorial Title
- Authorizing signature

Driver's Licences and ID Cards

Security Features

Security features can be found in and on the base materials of DL/IDs. Look for:

- Personal information in consistent fonts, styles and spacings
- Driver's licence number
- Digitized photo in colour or black & white
- Ghosted images
- Restriction or endorsement codes
- Seal, logo or Coat of Arms of the issuing agency
- Optically variable features
- Overlapping features
- Laser perforations
- See-through or registered security features
- Signatures
- Tactile features
- Microprinting
 - Data storage features
 - 1D and 2D bar codes
 - Magnetic stripes
 - Machine Readable Zone

Note that many DL/IDs incorporate laminates which may also contain security features.



Enhanced Driver's Licences

A number of jurisdictions have begun to offer **Enhanced Driver's Licences (EDLs)** which are "dualpurpose" documents. In addition to serving as a typical driver's licence or ID card, they may be used to re-enter the U.S. or Canada from Mexico, Bermuda, or the Caribbean by land or sea only. The EDL verifies both identity and citizenship and is a federally-approved border-crossing document under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Like typical driver's licences and ID cards, many jurisdictions offer EDL's in multiple formats including vertical formats for minors, etc. Many of the jurisdictions that offer EDLs also offer enhanced identification cards as well which provide all of the border crossing benefits of EDLs but none of the driving privileges.

EDL's are jurisdiction specific and often display features very similar to those on typical driver's licences and ID cards. However, some additional key elements to look for when examining EDL's are:

- "Enhanced" designation
- Image of U.S. or Canadian flag to denote citizenship
- Bar codes
- MRZ





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The Department of National Defence has begun implementing a replacement to its paper driver's licence, known as the DND 404, with a new photo licence.

DND is the only federal department authorized by law to issue its own driver's licences to qualified Canadian Forces (CF) personnel, DND civilian employees, civilian personnel working for the Department and Allied forces assigned to DND.

The new DND 404 meets Canadian Driver's Licence Agreement (CDLA) CDLA standards and is comparable in type and quality to Provincial Driver's Licences (PDL) throughout Canada.

Red Flags

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The New Vehicle Information Statement (NVIS) is issued by the vehicle manufacturer at the "birth" of the vehicle. It is comparable to the Certificate of Origin (or MCO) issued in the United States. NVISs are used to prove the origin of the vehicle and will contain specific characteristics and identifying information about the vehicle.

NVIS fraud may also be hard to detect because:

- There are multiple issuing manufacturers.
- There is no national legal requirement for NVIS forms to be secure or uniform.
- There are many different ways in which a NVIS may be altered.

Data fields most commonly altered on a NVIS are:

- Odometer reading
- VIN
- Dealer information

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A **Registration** is used to prove ownership of the vehicle as well as compliance with provincial taxation requirements. The document contains identifying information about the vehicle but does NOT contain an odometer reading. Registration fraud may be difficult to detect because:

- Security features differ by jurisdiction.
- There are different ways in which a Registration document may be altered.
- This document may NOT be printed on secure paper.

Data fields most commonly altered on registrations are:

- Pertinent vehicle information
- Owner information
- Control document number
- Affixed proof of validation

Mexican Documents

Mexican Passports

The government of Mexico has issued several versions of its passports. You are most likely to encounter the E, F, and G Series. The version can be identified by a letter prefix to the passport serial number on the rear endpaper. Each version has different security features.

E-Series

Personal information is printed onto a label and then affixed to Page 1. Two versions of the label have been used, with the older version using a photo over the label and a security laminate placed over both. This creates three layers for the page, making it thicker and less flexible than the other pages of the document.



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The BOOKLET number appears on the rear endpaper.

The PASSPORT number on the biographical data page is typically eleven digits, with the first two digits denoting the year of issue.

Note that the two capital "D"s in the bio page header have slight indentations in the lower right of the character.

The issuing official endorsed the passport with a signature and ink seal on Page 2. A dry embossing seal is placed partially over the photograph.



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2012 E-Series

In late 2012, Mexican embassies and consulates outside the country began issuing a revised version of the E-Series passport. This version uses a new biographical details label with a new format, and an integrated photo with a secondary ghost image on the right side of the page. The background design of the label may be seen through both of the images.

A digitized signature of the holder was added beneath the primary photo.

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The embossing seal used in the prior version of the E-Series is not used in this version.

The passport and booklet numbers are the SAME in this version. This number appears both on the biographical data page and on the rear endpaper.

The interior pages feature both a watermark and a security thread. The thread bears text in alternating positions reading "MEXICO SRE".

F-Series

The F-Series is identified by the letter prefix in the booklet number found on the rear endpaper. This series of passport typically contains 32 pages.



The bio page contains a highly-detailed background design with the Aztec calendar in the center of the page, a repeating "SRE" motif along the left side, and a pattern of interconnecting lines on the right. Portions of the design remain visible through the images of the bearer.

Both the bearer's signature and the issuing authority are digitally printed.

The laminate on the bio page contains several security features. Color shifting ink is used in a geometric design in the upper right of the primary photo. The design shifts from gold to green.

The laminate also features the Mexican coat of arms in pearlescent ink. The design shifts from being nearly invisible to pearly as the angle of light changes.







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The F-Series booklet number and passport number appearing on the bio page are not the same.

The PASSPORT number is 11-digits, with the first 2 digits denoting the year of issuance.

The BOOKLET number on the rear endpaper is bar-coded, and is also perforated through the document.



The perforated number sometimes contains the "F" prefix, and other times does not. Perforations could be mechanically punched or laser drilled.



G-Series

The G-Series passport was introduced in 2008 and is currently issued within Mexico. The design and interior pages remain essentially unchanged from the F-Series.

The bio page continues to be inside the front cover, but the background design is significantly different than that of the F-series, and uses a protective laminate.

There are two layout versions for personal data within this series. Earlier versions used the same numbering system as the E-Series and F-Series:

- 11-digit PASSPORT number on bio page, with first 2 digits indicating year of issuance
- MRZ with last 9 digits of the passport number (no year prefix digits)
- BOOKLET number is on the rear endpaper and perforated through the document. The booklet number is not printed on the bio page.





Later versions of the G-Series used the booklet number as the passport number. The 2D barcode in these booklets is longer and narrower than in the other version.

There have been periods of time that the Mexican government has issued both of these layouts simultaneously.

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The background design on the bio page features fine-line printing in interwoven patterns. In the center of the page, an irregular pattern of micrprinted "MEXICOSRE" appears in green.

The photos and personal data appear using toner-based printing, with the fine background lines remaining visible through the data.



The pages essentially remain the same as those used in the F-Series. The background design features the crest of different Mexican states while the Mexican national emblem is used as a watermark. A security thread features the text "MEXICO SRE" in alternating positions. The security thread appears near the outside edge of the page in earlier versions, and near the binding thread in newer versions.

The page is protected by a laminate featuring detailed OVD's. The design was updated in August 2012. At that time, an Olmec head using optically variable ink was added to the upper right corner. Both laminates contain individual serial numbers (that differ from the booklet number) that appear on the right center of the bio page (circled here in green).



Mexican Driver's Licenses

Security Features

Like U.S. and Canadian driver's licenses, security features can be found in and on the base materials of Mexican DL/IDs. Look for:

- Personal information in consistent fonts, styles and spacings
- Driver's license number
- Photo
- Ghosted images
- Restriction or endorsement codes
- Seal or logo of the issuing agency
- Optically variable features
- Overlapping features
- See-through or registered security features
- Signatures
- Microprinting
- Data storage features
 - 1D and 2D bar codes
 - Magnetic stripes
 - Machine Readable Zone

Note that many DL/IDs incorporate laminates which may also contain security features.



Other Federal Documents

CURP Numbers

A variety of federally-issued Mexican documents include a field for a CURP number. The CURP is a Spanish acronym for a unique registry key. The number is issued to everyone living in Mexico and to Mexicans living abroad. The CURP is essential for tax filings, company records, government-run health services, passport applications, and other government services.

This chart explains the structure of the CURP.

Web inquiries on CURP numbers may be performed here:

http://www.consultas.curp.gob.mx/CurpSP/



Given Name = First Name 1st Surname = Father's Last Name 2nd Surname = Mother's Maiden Name

Mexican CDL



The Mexican CDL is a federally-issued document. The features of the current version include:

- Card title
- Complex fine line background and images
- Microprinting
- OVF of "SCT" in upper left, and seal overlapping the photo
- Clear windows in upper and lower right
- Microprinting under card title
- Driver's name on three lines
- CURP Number (includes date of birth and other information. See previous page.)
- Issue and expiration dates
- Medical conditions and restrictions
- Truncated variable information
- "Quick Read' code. When read, the first number returned matches the number circled in green in the above image
- License Class (see next page)

Mexican CDL - Late 2014 Version

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A new version of the CDL was released in late 2014. Although it shares many of the same types of security features as the immediately prior version, official descriptors of the security features are not yet available. The course will be updated when the information is released.

Mexican CDL Classes - Quick Chart

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A	This categoria is for any bus. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "B" CDL with a passenger endorsement.
В	This categoria is for any truck (including straight, combination, doubles, triples, tank), but excluding hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "A" CDL with a tank and doubles/triples endorsement.
c	This categoria is for straight trucks (maximum of three axles, which includes any towed trailer axles), but excluding hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "B" CDL with a tank endorsement.
D	There is no comparable U.S. CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate automobiles and small buses, which do not exceed 7,716 pounds (3500kgs) or have a capacity to carry no more than 13 passengers (including the driver who also serves as the tour guide) for purpose of tourism.
E	This categoria is for any type truck or combination, including hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "A" CDL with a hazardous materials, tank and doubles/triples endorsement.
F	There is no comparable U.S. CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate taxis from any airport or seaport in Mexico. Note: This is because airports and seaports are federal and require a fed-
	eral license, similar to driving a commercial vehicle on a federal road.

Matricula Consular Card



The Matrícula Consular card has been issued since 1871, and is an identification card issued by the Government of Mexico through its consulate offices. The purpose of the card is to demonstrate that the bearer is a Mexican national living outside of Mexico.

A number of discussions have surrounded the issuance and acceptance of the Matricula Consular card. Be sure to check your agency's policies regarding the use of the card.

- Using a special decoder, Scrambled Indicia® becomes visible over the photo area and on the back
 of the card. Variable text information appears in different sections of the photo area when the
 decoder is rotated.
- Microline printing is used in the text surrounding the seal in the card's center
- Fine line background

Back of Card

- Microprinting in signature line
- 2D bar code
- Complex background using offset lithography printing

Voting Card





Mexico's Instituto Federal Electoral (IFE) is an autonomous, non-partisan organization charged with ensuring free and fair elections. Voting cards are issued to Mexican citizens by the IFE, and are required to participate in voting and other processes. Because of this, the voting card has become the de facto Mexican national ID card. There are a number of versions of the card in circulation.

As with the Matricula Consular card, check your agency's policies regarding use of the Mexican voting card.

- IFE Kinegram® OVF overlapping photo and ghost image
- Microprinting using variable information used as photo border
- Overlapping wavy lines over photo and ghost image
- CURP Number
- Signatures on front and repeated on back
- 2D bar code
- Fingerprint
- Registration number printed vertically

How to Read Mexican Voting Card



PLACE OF BIRTH CODE

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- BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR 03
- CAMPECHE 04
- COAHUILA 05
- COLIMA 06
- CHIAPAS 07
- CHIHUAHUA 08
- DISTRITO FEDERAL 09
- DURANGO 10
- GUANAJUATO 11
- GUERRERO 12
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AND FROM 2004 TO TODAY IFE STARTED TO USE THE CODE 87 FOR THOSE MEXICANS BORN IN THE US

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- IF THE BEARER'S NAME STARTS WITH: J GUADALUPE - WILL APPEAR JX
- IF THE BEARER'S NAME STARTS WITH: JOSE MANUEL - WILL APPEAR MN JOSE ANTONIO - WILL APPEAR AN JOSE MARIA - WILL APPEAR JS
- IF THE BEARER'S NAME HAS ONLY ONE SURNAME: NAVARRETE, JUAN CARLOS - WILL APPEAR XS NVCR O XXNVCR

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THE ID'S EXPIRATION DATE AND THE NAME OF THE ISSUING OFFICE APPEAR ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE GREEN BAND

INVISIBLE SECURITY FEATURES

(A SPECIAL DECODER IS NEEDED) D15 Decoder

ON THE BACK, UNDER THE GREEN BAND, TURNING THE DECODER 90 DEGREES, YOU CAN SEE THE INITIALS "SRE" PRINTED FIVE TIMES WITH THE PATTERN SHOWN.

2018 Edition





Counterfeits and Alterations

Examination Quick Tips

CHECK:		St. of the way of the second second
IN COPYIN	Print Quality	Alignment Styling Font Consistency
	Sharts 6 the	Clarity
180 0	Base Material Quality	Weight
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	1. 012 PT x	Texture
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EXAMINE:	Security Features	Are they present?
	Heren You be	Are they correct?
	100 M 32 30 VO	Do they appear genuine?
	and all the all the	Are they of genuine quality?
0.30	2. 70 M. O.	Do they blend with document?
S. 96	Data Encoding Methods	Are they visible?
op. The	and a second second	Are they of genuine quality?
	Unique Identifiers	Are they printed by the correct method?
	101 10 01 10 10	Do seals correspond with issuer?
	Silo udi, noi, ala silo	Are generic images used?
200	Optically Variable Features	Are they correct?
	16 North Plan	Do they function or are they merely printed?
(° . 50)	10° 20° 100 P	Do they function as a genuine should?
V	Version	Does the issue date correspond with availability of the version?
C. 30	Strate The	Are the front/ back or multiple pages from the same version?
	10 88 M 16 19	Is there evidence of dismantling?
15° P	Photos	Do they appear hand cut?
	N 87 67 68 8	Do borders feel/appear out of place?
	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	Is the photo adhered when it should be digitized?
		Is the correct profile used?
		Are overlapping items correct and clean?
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JE.	1. apr and april of	Have laminates been disturbed?
20. 11	Multiple Documents	Do photos match the presenter?
	and a low a low of a	Is information consistent across documents?
	white the stranger	Are fonts appropriate for each document and not cross-copied?
	Contraction of the second seco	Are documents appropriate for the purpose presented?

#### FDR Job Aid – Counterfeits and Alterations

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2.2.	Alteration to remove/obscure information	Tearing
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## **Perpetual Calendars**

Variable printed text fields containing dates are often under-scrutinized. Because fraud perpetrators assume that these dates will not be checked by authenticators, they frequently alter or counterfeit documents using random days and dates from years past. This can be helpful when examining documents.

Perpetual calendars from a number of websites (like this one from <u>com.timeanddate.www</u>) can help you determine the day of the week for any given date in any year.

In this case, a birth certificate bears "Monday" when, in fact, August 10, 1957 fell on a Saturday.

Perpetual calendars can also be helpful in determining if, for example, a document bears an issue date that falls on a Sunday, holiday, or other day that an issuing agency would have likely been closed.



# **People and Actions**

# Listen, Observe, Examine

Listen	Observe	Examine
Listen to the entire response and	Avoidance or over-use of direct eye	Are any document changes or
watch behavior	contact	alterations immediately visible?
Prevent assumption errors by actively listening.	Nervousness, fidgeting or stammering	Are there any irregularities in font, punctuation, spelling, placement or alignment?
Get a clear answer for every	Repeating questions back	
question you ask.	Mr. L. Brand	Are there any irregularities in
Listen carefully for misdirects.	Defensiveness or attempts to intimidate	handwriting, ink or pen type?
Con N. C. A. M.	and a star and a star a star	Do the information and photos
Listen for inappropriate pauses when the person is answering easy	Rapid speech	match the person presenting the documents?
questions.	Excessive friendliness or rudeness	ali 19 19 19 19 10
0, 3× 4 90 9	1. 30 . 19 . 38 . 19 . 19 . 19 . 19 . 19 . 19 . 19 . 1	Do the information and photos
Listen for incorrect, contradicting or changing answers.	Interruption of speech by either coughing or clearing of the throat	match across multiple documents?
		Are there any red flags?
Don't ask another question until you receive an answer to the first	Display of physical signs of discomfort	Mariene and Coor An
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ation in the subject of the sould	Continually looking around	All parties of the office

# **Triangle of Recognition**

The facial features that do not change dramatically with age make up the "Triangle of Recognition" and are the basis for the facial comparison process.

EARS	EYES	LIPS & MOUTH	NOSE	JAWLINE
Overall size and	Space between the	Height and width	Shape (nostrils, type	Skeletal structure
shape	eyes (for example,	S Shi il o	of profile)	18' 30' 1
	wide set or close	Distance between	10° 10 110	Length of neck
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