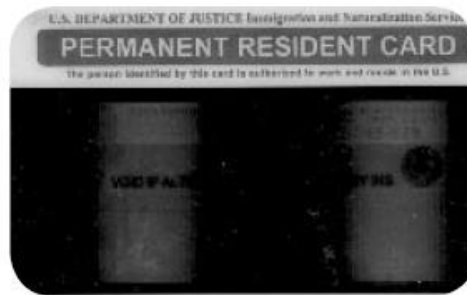


Reading a Permanent Resident Card

Front



Back



This card does not have Port-of-Entry on it.

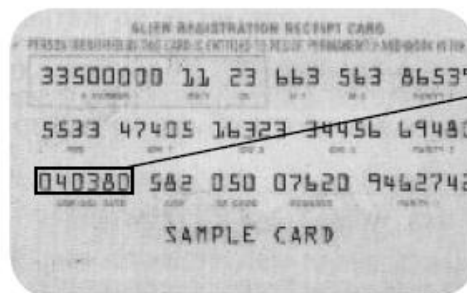
“A-number”

Port-of-Entry or office where you were granted adjustment of status

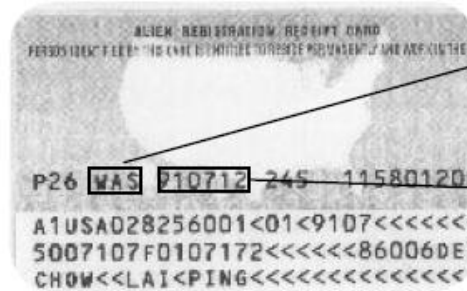


Date you became a Permanent Resident
(April 3, 1980)

Port-of-Entry or office where you were granted adjustment of status



Date you became a Permanent Resident
(July 12, 1991)



NOTE: The “A-number” is the Alien Registration Number

[Category Code](#)



United States Permanent Resident Card (green card) (May 2010)

Most of the information on the card is self-evident. The computer and human readable signature at the bottom is not. The format is (digit range: expected data (information contained)):

Reading the Back of the Card



- **First line:**

1–2: C1 or C2. C1 = Resident within the United States C2= Permanent Resident commuter (Living in Canada or Mexico)
3–5: USA (issuing country, United States)
6–14: 9-digit number (A#, alien number)
15: application receipt number
16–30: immigrant case number that resulted in the approved green card. The "<" symbol represents a blank space

- **Second line:**

1-6: birth date (in YY/MM/DD format)
7: not documented, assumed to be a check digit
8: gender
9-14: expiration date (in YY/MM/DD format)
15: not documented, assumed to be a check digit
16-29: country of birth
30: not documented, assumed to be a check digit

- **Third line:**

Last name, first name, middle name, first initial of father, first initial of mother (this line is spaced with "<<" between the last name and first name). Depending on the length of the name, the father's and mother's initials may be omitted.

A full list of category codes can be found at:

http://www.justice.gov/eoir/vll/fedreg/2008_2009/fr20mr08.pdf - Federal Register/Vol.73, No. 55

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/87524.pdf> - US Department of State, Foreign Affairs Manual Vol. 9 – Visas

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0500502215#C> - SSA – POMS: SI 00502.215

<http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/chapter3.pdf> - Guide to Naturalization FAQs