

Did you know USCIS has redesigned their Green Cards?

USCIS began issuing redesigned Green Cards and Employment Authorization Documents on May 1, 2017. Remember, any unexpired Green Card or EAD is valid. This is regardless of the version, including early versions that do not have an expiration date. Any version can be used to show work authorization. USCIS will continue to issue old versions of Green Cards until they have run out of stock.

If you have any difficulty using your redesigned Green Card to establish employment authorization, obtain a license or get other benefits, contact CLINIC at advocacy@cliniclegal.org with “Green Card” in the subject line.



New Green Card, Front



New Green Card, Back

Back photo is easier to see

New Statue of Liberty image

No signature on new cards



Old Green Card, Front



Old Green Card, Back

No optical strip on new cards

Changes to green cards

- There is a new image of the Statue of Liberty
- The cards no longer have a cardholder signature
- The card no longer has an optical stripe on the back
- The photo on the back is easier to see

What remains the same

- There are photos on the front and back
- The cards are mostly green
- The cards have holographic images
- Personal information is placed in the same general area

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