



Permanent Resident Card Production Delays

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that permanent resident card applicants may experience up to an eight week delay in the delivery of their permanent resident card while USCIS is in the process of upgrading card production equipment.

During this delay, USCIS Field Offices will be issuing temporary evidence of permanent residence via an I-551 stamp to applicants approved for permanent residence at the time of their interview. To receive this stamp, applicants must bring their passport to the appointment. If the applicant does not have a passport, he or she must bring a passport-style photo and government-issued ID in order to receive the stamp. If an applicant's permanent residence is approved **after** his or her interview, the applicant should bring the necessary documents to an INFOPASS appointment to receive the I-551 stamp. The stamp reflects that the individual is a permanent resident and the individual is allowed to work and travel.

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.uscis.gov>.