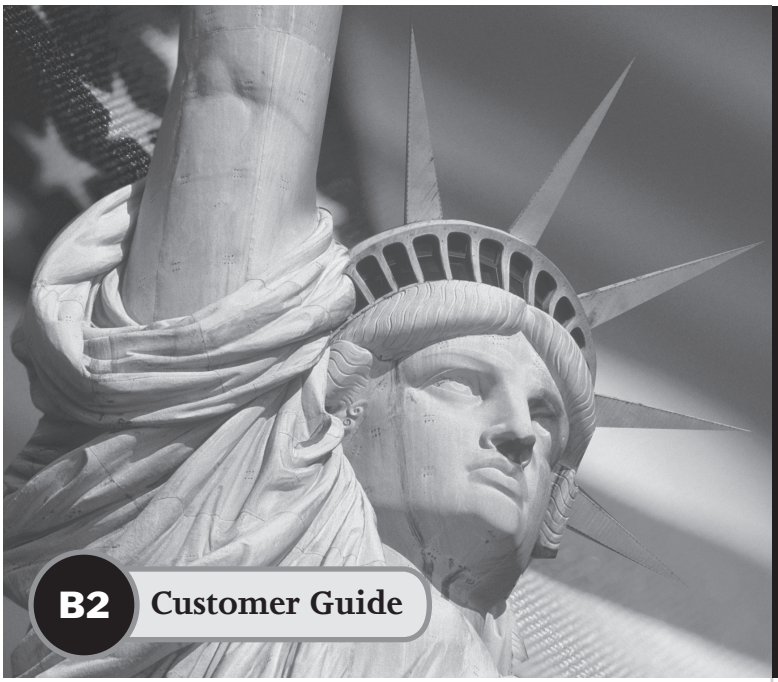

I Am a Permanent Resident

How Do I... Renew or Replace My Permanent Resident Card?

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A Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551) is proof of your permanent resident status in the United States. It also serves as a valid identification document and proof that you are eligible to live and work in the United States. Although some Permanent Resident Cards, commonly known as "Green Cards," contain no expiration date, most are valid for 10 years. If you have been granted conditional permanent resident status, the card is valid for 2 years.

It is important to keep your card up-to-date. Without a valid card, it may be difficult for you to prove that you are a permanent resident, and this could also affect your ability to travel or to prove your eligibility to work in the United States.

When do I need to *renew* my Permanent Resident Card?

You should renew your Permanent Resident Card if you were issued a card valid for 10 years that has either expired or will expire within the next 6 months.

If your Permanent Resident Card is valid for only 2 years, you are a conditional resident. You will need to file a petition to remove the conditions of your residence before the card expires. You may file this petition **90 days** before your conditional green card expires. If your petition is approved, you will be sent a new Permanent Resident Card valid for 10 years. You do not need to file Form I-90. This is discussed below.

If your card does not have any expiration date on the front, then you have a very old version. Most old versions are no longer valid. Even if your card does not have an expiration date on it, we recommend you apply to renew it.

When do I need to *replace* my Permanent Resident Card?

Apply to replace your Permanent Resident Card if any information on your card needs to be changed, or if your card has been lost, stolen, or damaged.

Also, if you became a permanent resident before you turned 14 years old, you are required to replace your card when you become 14 years old.

What application do I file to *replace or renew* my Permanent Resident Card?

To apply to renew or replace your card, use **Form I-90**, *Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card*. The Form I-90 is available on our website at **www.uscis.gov**.

How do I file the I-90 to *renew or replace* my Permanent Resident Card?

Please refer to our website under Immigration Forms, I-90, for specific filing instructions, and then complete the form. You can also e-file your I-90 on our website at **www.uscis.gov**.

How do I *remove conditions* on my 2-year conditional Permanent Resident Card?

Do not use Form I-90 if you are a conditional resident and your status is expiring. If you are a permanent resident who was granted conditional permanent resident status, you are required to file a petition to remove those conditions within 90 days of your card expiring.

If your conditional status was based on a marriage, file **Form I-751**, *Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence*.

If your conditional status was based on being an investor or entrepreneur, file **Form I-829**, *Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status*.

If you do not file the petition to remove the conditions before your card expires, you may lose your permanent resident status. Form I-751 and Form I-829 are available on our website at **www.uscis.gov**. Instructions for the forms will give you more details. For additional questions, please contact Customer Service at **1-800-375-5283**.

Key Information

Key USCIS forms referenced in this guide	Form #
Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	I-90
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	I-751
Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	I-829

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- **On the Internet at: www.uscis.gov**

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