



Transportation Letter for U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) Holders



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Although Client Legal Services does not personally handle Immigration related issues, the following information is provided regarding Transportation Letters for lawful permanent residents holding a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) who accompany their U.S. citizen spouse to Korea:

A U.S. permanent resident card holder whose U.S. Permanent Resident Card (aka Green Card, Form I-551, or Alien Registration Card) is lost, mutilated, expired, or never received from Citizen and Immigration Services (CIS), may be eligible to apply for a "Transportation Letter" issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/U.S. Customs and Board Protection (CBP) Seoul. The Transportation Letter will only allow you to board a flight returning to the U.S., but does not obligate the U.S. Government to admit you once you have landed. In order for the CBP to issue a Transportation Letter, you must demonstrate to DHS/CBP Seoul that you: 1) are a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S. at the time of departure from the U.S.; 2) Maintain residence in the U.S.; 3) At the time of departure, had the intention of returning to the U.S.; 4) Have not formally abandoned your resident status (by filing Form I-407); and 5) Have not been outside the U.S. for a continuous period of one year or more, unless authorized by the U.S. Government. Currently, there is no fee for the Transportation Letter.

To apply for a Transportation Letter, you must submit ALL the following:

- Completed Application for Transportation Letter
- Completed Contact Form
- Three (3) passport style photographs taken within the past six (6) months
- Proof of date of your last departure from the U.S., including, but not limited to, boarding pass and/or boarding certificate issued by the airliner
- Copies of applicant's passport photograph page, and all pages containing exit/entry stamps (both U.S. and foreign)
- Certificate of Korean Exit/Entry Record issued by Korean Immigration Office (life-time or record showing your crossing data since you obtained LPR status at a minimum)
- Copy of U.S. Military/Government orders (including, but not limited to, assignment order, PCS order, leave order, CSP documentation, or CPAC issued letter of employment)
- Evidence of travel arrangements indicating airline and the first port of arrival in the U.S. (This may include photocopies of airline tickets or copy of your reservation confirmation).

If your Green Card was lost or stolen while abroad, you must also provide the following:

- Police report detailing the loss/theft of applicant's Green Card (with an English translation)
- Copy of your lost/stolen Green Card

If your Green Card was not received, you must also provide the following:

- Approval notice for LPR status issued by the USCIS Service Center

If your Green Card is expired, you must also provide the following:

- Copy of your expired Green Card

U.S. military or civilian U.S. government personnel or dependents may mail your completed applications through the Military Postal System (MPS) to: DHS/CBP, American Embassy, Unit 15550, APO AP 96205-5550

You may also send a completed application package addressed to DHS/CBP via an Embassy-approved courier company. To arrange for pick up and delivery please call:

- Ilyang at 1588-0002, or see their website at www.ilyanglogis.com
- Hanjin at 1588-0011, or see their website at www.hanjin.co.kr

Once your application is processed, a DHS representative will contact you via e-mail to arrange an appointment for an interview and issuance of the Transportation Letter.

The normal processing time for a Transportation Letter application is two (2) weeks.

After adjudication, the Transportation Letter will be issued on every Tuesday or Thursday from 10:30 AM to 11:20 AM at Window #304 (CBP Window) at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

For Transportation Letter inquiries, please e-mail at CBP.Seoul.Inquiries@cbp.dhs.gov, or fax at (02) 795-3196.

Also, for currently updates, go to http://seoul.usembassy.gov/transportation_letters2.html.

For answers to any additional questions you may have, please contact the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services South Korea Seoul Field Office at:

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