

# Mobility: immigration alert

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## United States

### USCIS Extends Green Card Validity Extension to 24 Months for Green Card Renewals

#### Executive summary

Effective 26 September 2022, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will automatically extend the validity of Permanent Resident Cards (commonly known as Green Cards) to 24 months for applicants who file Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, to renew an expiring or expired Green Card.

#### Background and analysis

Lawful Permanent Residents are issued Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card, as proof of their permanent resident status in the United States. The Green Card serves as a valid identification document and proof of eligibility to live and work in the United States. Most Green Cards are valid for 10 years from the date of issuance, with Conditional Permanent Resident Cards valid for a period of two (2) years. When not in possession of an unexpired Green Card, Lawful Permanent Residents can face challenges in proving their permanent resident status, travelling internationally, and demonstrating their eligibility to work in the United States.

Upon properly filing Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, to renew an expiring or expired Green Card, Lawful Permanent Residents receive an automatic extension of the validity of their Green Cards and may use the receipt notice for the filed I-90 together with the expired Green Card as evidence of their permanent resident status. Form I-90 receipt notices have previously provided a 12-month extension of Green

Card validity. I-90 receipt notices will now provide a 24-month extension of Green Card validity as of 26 September.

USCIS has updated the language on Form I-90 receipt notices to extend the validity of Green Cards for 24 months for newly filed I-90 applications. USCIS has also begun printing amended receipt notices with the new language for the 24-month extension for applicants with an application already in process with USCIS.

#### What this means

This extension provides substantial benefit to Lawful Permanent Residents considering increased processing times for I-90 applications, which currently exceed 12 months for most cases. Lawful Permanent Residents applying to renew their Green Cards will now be able to utilize the receipt notice for Form I-90 as proof of permanent resident status for up to 24 months, enabling them to demonstrate their continued eligibility to reside and work in the United States, as well as travel internationally, as USCIS processes their case.

We will continue to monitor these areas for further developments and provide updates and analysis as they become available. Please reach out to your EY Law professional with any questions in the meantime.



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