

US To Issue Redesigned Green Card

New Caribbean and other legal permanent residents of the U.S. and those with expired alien cards will soon be issued a more secure green card.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said Tuesday that it has redesigned the Permanent Resident Card, commonly known as the `Green Card,` to incorporate several major new security features. State-of-the-art technology aims to prevent counterfeiting, obstructs tampering, and facilitates quick and accurate authentication of the card. The redesign will include special ink creates color shifts in visual designs; fine-lined artwork and complex architecture incorporate patterns that are nearly impossible to reproduce; card materials resist tampering; greater detail in photograph makes for easier identification of the bearer and ultra-violet technology and tactile clues allow accurate card authentication at border crossings. A Radio Frequency Identification will also allow inspectors to read unique, 192-bit serial number from a distance and link the information to the personal data on file while the personalized return address on back of the card will double as security feature and as customer-service enhancement to facilitate easy return of lost cards to USCIS. In keeping with its nickname, redesigned Permanent Resident Cards will be green.