

# How Do I Replace My Lost or Stolen Green Card?

# I DON'T HAVE MY GREEN CARD. DO I NEED TO REPLACE IT?

Yes. If you live in the United States and your Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card") was stolen, lost or destroyed you <u>must</u> replace it.

# HOW DO I APPLY TO REPLACE MY GREEN CARD?

You must obtain a form from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) called Form I-90. You can get this form by calling the USCIS at 800-870-3676 or by using the USCIS website at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/i-90">https://www.uscis.gov/i-90</a>.

**Application Form:** You must fill out form I-90 by either typing or printing with black ink. Read the instructions carefully and mark any items that don't apply to you as "N/A". In addition to Form I-90, you must submit

certain documents as part of your application for a replacement card.

**Initial Evidence:** You must submit what the INS calls "Initial Evidence". This refers to documents that prove that you are who you say you are.

- If you still have your previous card (and are replacing it because it was damaged) you may use a copy as your Initial Evidence.
- If you lost your card or it was stolen, but you have a photocopy, you should submit it with your application.
- You must file your application with a copy of some "identity document" such as a driver's license, passport, non-driver ID card or birth certificate.

**<u>Photos</u>**: You must submit two passport-style photos (in color) with your application. Lightly print your A# on the back of each photo with a pencil.

#### WHERE DO I FILE MY FORM I-90?

You must mail your form, along with your \$450 application fee to:

USCIS P.O. Box 21262 Phoenix, AZ 85036

# HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO GET A NEW GREEN CARD?

You will need to pay a fee in the amount of \$365 and a biometrics fee of \$85 for a total of \$450. You must pay by check or money order, made out to "Department of Homeland Security". However, you may qualify for a fee waiver if you are receiving a means-tested benefit or if your income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. To request a fee waiver, fill out form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, and attach proof of your benefit or your income.

# WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may call MFY Legal Services, Inc.'s Government Benefits Project at 212-417-3732 on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are a mental health consumer you may call MFY's Mental Health Law Project intake line at 212-417-3830 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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