

Social Security

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Part RM – Records Maintenance

Chapter 102 – The Social Security Number, Policy and General Procedures

Subchapter 05 – Social Security Number (SSN) Applications

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Audience

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Background

We have made a few minor updates throughout this EBE POMS section to add information about

the Enumeration Beyond Entry expansion to include Lawful Permanent Resident applicants. The updates do not change policy.

Summary of Changes

RM 10205.100 How Long Does it Take to Get an SSN Card?

1. In the last sentence of the introductory text, we changed the language from the singular to the plural.
2. In the "See Also Section" We included a third bullet point for RM 10205.700 in this section to include the EBE process. We generally kept the language, but inserted applicable reference for permanent resident applications.
3. We removed the note.

RM 10205.100 How Long Does it Take to Get an SSN Card?

The following information may be helpful for individuals who are interested in knowing when they may expect to receive their Social Security Number (SSN) card.

- SSN cards are mailed from a central location based on the information entered into the enumeration processing system at the field office (FO) or Social Security card center (SSCC).
- The applicant should receive the SSN card in the mail within 2 weeks of the FO submitting a complete application, including documentation of all required evidence.

If documents need verification, advise the applicant that verifying documents with the issuing authority could take several weeks to several months. When we receive verification of the documents we will process the application and the applicant should receive the SSN card within 2 weeks of the date we process the application.

Offer to help the applicant if an employer or third party needs to know the SSN immediately. See RM 10205.210, Receipts for Form SS-5.

For additional information, See:

- RM 10205.500 for information about lag time when an application for an original SSN card is made through Enumeration at Birth (EAB)
- RM 10205.600 for further information when an application for an SSN card is made through Enumeration at Entry (EAE)
- RM 10205.700 for further information about the Enumeration Beyond Entry (EBE) process. Applicants who apply for an original or a replacement SSN card through EBE should receive the card within 2 weeks after U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approves their application for work authorization or permanent residency.
- RM 10210.270 Evaluation and Verification of Evidence of Age for an SSN Card
- RM 10214.170 Requesting Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Verification of Immigration Documents Using Third Level (Document Verification Request) (Scan and Upload feature).

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