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## **Non-U.S. Citizens Can Now Request a New or Replacement Social Security Card through More USCIS Forms, Avoiding the Need to Visit a Local Social Security Administration Office**

Non-U.S. citizens can request a new or replacement Social Security card when they apply: (1) for an Employment Authorization Document through the USCIS [Form I-765](#), or (2) for lawful permanent resident status through the USCIS [Form I-485](#). Requesting a new or replacement Social Security card through the Form I-765 or I-485 avoids visiting a local Social Security Administration office.

### Why a non-U.S. citizen might request a Social Security card through USCIS forms.

A non-U.S. citizen can request a Social Security card when filing either form to:

- Be assigned a Social Security number if they have not yet been assigned a number
- Replace a lost, stolen, or damaged Social Security card
- Replace a [“restricted” Social Security card with an “unrestricted” Social Security card](#), if eligible
- Receive a card with an updated name if the non-U.S. citizen’s legal name has changed

### How it works.

Requesting a new or replacement Social Security card through the Form I-765 or I-485 avoids visiting a local Social Security Administration office. Instead, once USCIS approves the Form I-765 or I-485, USCIS will send the Social Security Administration information from the approved Form and the Social Security Administration will assign an original SSN or issue a replacement card, as applicable.

### How long does it take?

Generally, non-U.S. citizens who request a Social Security card through this process will get their Social Security card within two weeks after receiving their Employment Authorization Document (if requesting the card through the I-765) or Permanent Resident Card (if requesting the card through the I-485). But because the Social Security Administration can only assign or issue a new card after USCIS approves the Form I-765 or I-485, eligible non-U.S. citizens who have an urgent need for an original or replacement card should contact their local field office using the Social Security Administration's field office locator at <https://www.ssa.gov/locator/>.

Can someone request a Social Security card through any other USCIS forms?

Not now, but [in the future](#) individuals applying for U.S. citizenship will be able to request a new or replacement Social Security card through the application for citizenship (N-400).

