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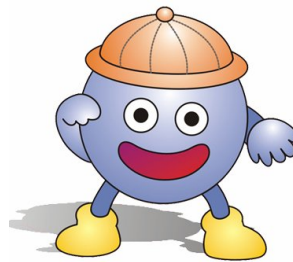
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We welcome you to meet the Immis! They help us simplify the immigration process for you. The Immis are in every issue of our newsletter and act as your personal guides to various immigration topics.



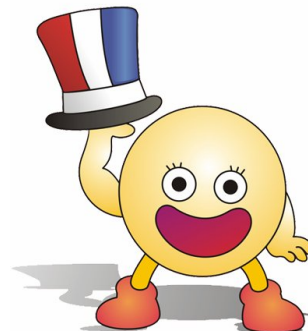
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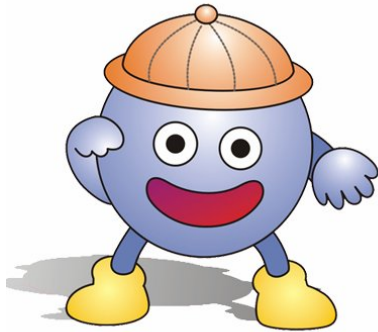
Citizen Immi

Immi will address citizenship issues

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IMMEDIATE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES



Immi, Jr. says: Hello!! U.S. travelers, if you are from Visa Waiver countries, you need to make sure you get the e-Passport by October 26, 2006 before you travel.

DHS HAS UPDATED THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM PASSPORT REQUIREMENT TRAVELER GUIDE

[SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION \(AILA\)](#)

As of **October 26, 2006**, any passport issued *on or after this date* by a VWP country must be an e-Passport for VWP travelers to be eligible to enter the United States without a visa.

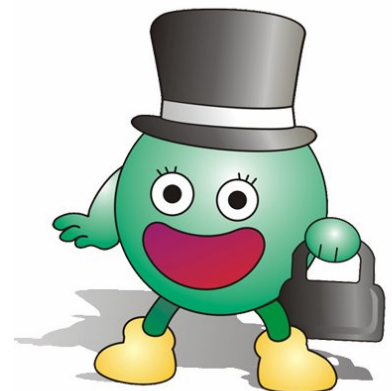
An e-Passport has an integrated computer chip that holds the same information printed on the passport's data page: the holder's name, date of birth and other biographic information. These e-Passports must comply with international technical standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

If your passport **does not** have this feature, you can still travel without a visa if it is a valid passport issued:

- **Before October 26, 2005**, and includes a *machine-readable zone*, or
- **Between October 26, 2005, and October 25, 2006**, and includes a digital photograph.

If you were issued a passport **on or after October 26, 2006**, and it is not an e-Passport, you will need to obtain a visa.

Immi Says: You need to be aware that the USCIS is going to eliminate the local offices' issuances of I-688B Employment Authorization Documents.



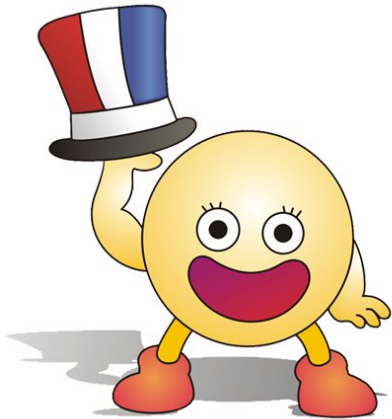
USCIS GUIDANCE ON PROCESSING ON I-765 APPLICATIONS

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

USCIS currently issues two types of employment authorization documents, Form I-765, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and Form I-688B, Employment Authorization Card. Form I-765 is produced at the Integrated Card Production System (ICPS) in Corbin, Kentucky, accounting for approximately 88% of the EADs produced on behalf of USCIS. Form I-688B is produced at the various Field Offices and comprises the remaining 12%.

Numerous vulnerabilities exist with the manual production of EADs at the Field Offices. Some of the risks include inconsistent frequency of data uploads to mainframe systems, lack of uniform quality of EAD issuance and limited security measures. Since the standalone EAD system was originally developed and implemented in 1989, there are now various issues pertaining to outdated card technology, obsolete equipment, ongoing equipment problems, and lack of maintenance support.

Beginning September 1, 2006, USCIS will reduce the need for locally produced EADs in order to reach a goal of total elimination of Form I-688B issuance by October 1, 2006. In order to attain this objective, Headquarters, Field Offices and Service Centers will work in unison to successfully complete the numerous stages in this process. The initiative affects both locally produced interim EADs and non-interim EADs.



Citizen Immi says: Ha, Good News!! The USCIS makes it easier to ask about international adoption issues.

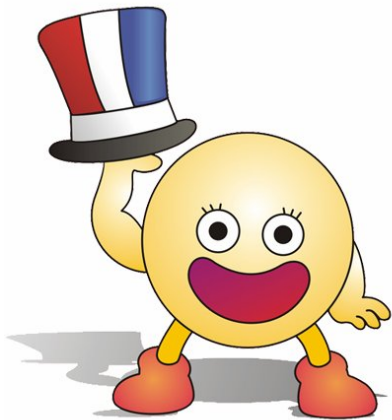
USCIS MAKES IT EASIER TO ASK ABOUT ADOPTION APPLICATIONS

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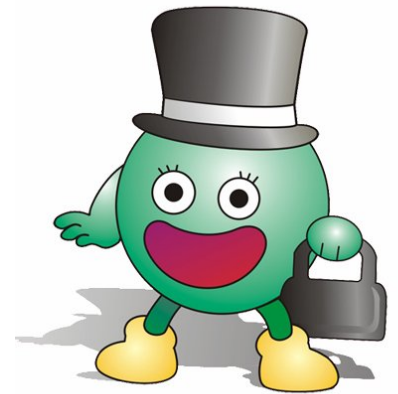
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites parents with questions on pending international adoption applications to make use of newly designated email addresses devoted solely to international adoptions. Each USCIS District Office will have a dedicated electronic mail address reserved solely for customer service on international adoptions.

Given the complex and highly charged issues surrounding international adoptions, prospective adoptive parents frequently have difficult and urgent questions that are not easily addressed through routine customer service channels. The new e-mail service will expedite customer communications with USCIS on issues ranging from the completion of application forms to questions involving case status. The email addresses can be obtained by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center information line at 1-800-375-5283.

USCIS anticipates that this new service will offer prospective adoptive parents more timely answers to their questions.



Immis say: The USCIS announced the establishment of a new Record Digitization Facility. The purpose of RDF is to increase efficiency of the data transmission and to enhance national security capabilities and protections against fraud and illegal activity.



USCIS ESTABLISHES RECORDS DIGITIZATION FACILITY

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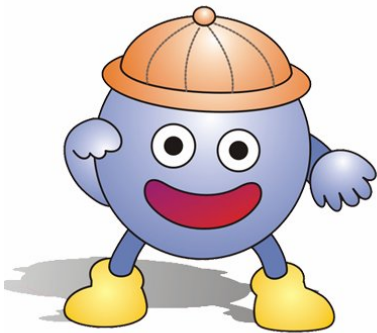
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the establishment of a new Records Digitization Facility (RDF) in Williamsburg, Kentucky to digitize more than one million USCIS Alien-Files (A-Files) during the first phase of the inaugural project. While this is a relatively small percentage of the approximately 70 million immigration records, USCIS plans to use the digitized files to begin the transformation of its business processes. Congress has provided dedicated funding for the digitization of approximately one million files per year.

“The Records Digitization Facility represents a major step toward USCIS’ ongoing electronic record-keeping re-engineering effort and is a key component of continued USCIS business systems transformation,” remarked USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez. “The Digitization of USCIS Alien-Files will increase efficiency, provide our customers with timely service they deserve, and simultaneously enhance our national security capabilities and protections against fraud and illegal activity,” he added.

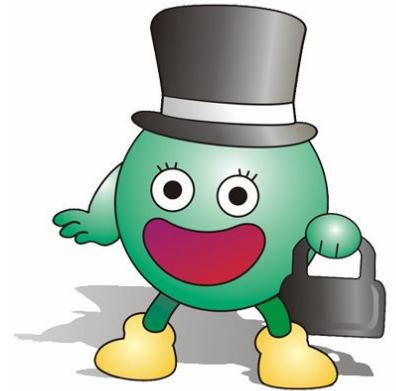
The digitized A-files can be made available to multiple users at the same time, and they can be made available immediately without shipping or handling. The ready availability of files will

improve customer service and support the integrity of immigration applications. Moreover, when files are needed for law enforcement or national security reasons, the ability to make them available to multiple users simultaneously is very valuable.

USCIS awarded the multi-year contract to support the digitization of A-File data to Datatrac Information Services, Inc. Datatrac will operate the facility for USCIS in Williamsburg, KY and will provide document scanning, physical and electronic records management, metadata capture and data transmission into the USCIS document management environment.



Immis say: If you enter the Port of Entry of Fresno, Calif, New Orleans, La, and Halifax, N.S., Canada, you need to be aware of the new expansion of US-Visit Biometric Entry Procedures.



DHS INSTITUTES US-VISIT BIOMETRIC ENTRY PROCEDURES AT ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the expansion of the US VISIT program's biometric entry procedures to additional locations in Fresno, Calif., New Orleans, La., and Halifax, N.S., Canada, as follows:

Due to a significant increase in international arrivals, Fresno Yosemite International Airport in Fresno, Calif., will begin biometric screening on August 15, 2006.

The recently constructed Erato Street Cruise Terminal in New Orleans, La., will begin biometric screening on October 15, 2006.

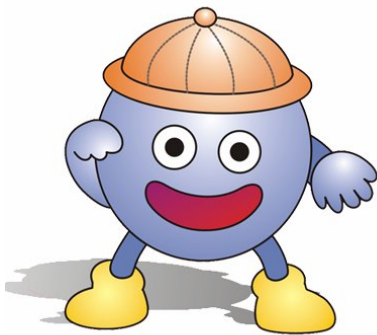
The new pre flight inspection location at Halifax International Airport in Halifax, N.S., Canada, will become the eighth pre flight location in Canada to use US VISIT biometric screening. The start date will be posted on the DHS Web site (www.dhs.gov/us-visit).

US VISIT's biometric entry procedures – digital, inkless finger scans and digital photograph – are a part of the routine primary inspection process at airports and seaports with international arrivals, in the secondary inspection areas of U.S. land border ports of entry and at U.S. consulates around the world – through the State Department's complementary program called BioVisa.

No changes will be made to the US-VISIT process or to the classifications of travelers subject to US-VISIT as the result of this expansion. US VISIT currently applies to most visitors (with limited exemptions) entering the United States, regardless of country of origin or whether they are traveling with or without a visa or by air, sea or land. US-VISIT does not apply to most Canadian travelers.

Since the program launched in 2004, more than 62 million people have been processed through US VISIT at U.S. ports of entry. With the help of US-VISIT biometric procedures, more than 1,200 criminals or immigration violators have been denied entry to the United States. Experience has shown that the US-VISIT process is simple, fast and clean for travelers. In fact, at many land border ports of entry, the introduction of US VISIT procedures has led to reduced processing times in secondary inspection.

QUICK INFORMATION BYTES

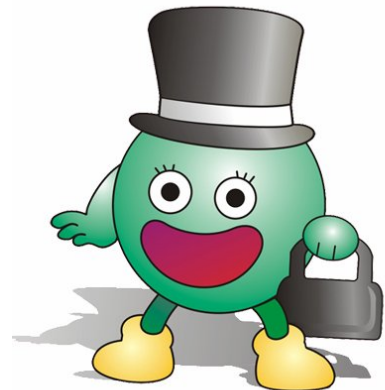


Immi, Jr. says: F-1 students don't forget to show your I-20s at the Port of Entry to inform the USCIS agents of your purpose to be in the U.S.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM

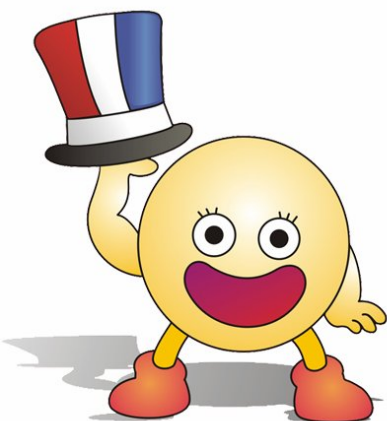
Immi says: It is best to keep your permanent resident alien card with you at all times.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM



Citizen Immi says: As a permanent resident alien, you may be able to obtain expedited naturalization if you currently serve in the U.S Armed Forces.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Explanation: If you have questions concerning immigration related issues or concerns and are of a non-advice and pure general interest nature, please e-mail them to tolsen@tlolaw.com.

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION RELATED WEB SITES

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Web Link

<http://www.dol.gov/>

- Dept. of Labor Web Link

<http://www.state.gov/>

- Dept. of State Web Link

<http://www.embassy.org/>

- Embassies in Washington D.C. Web Link

<http://www.aviso.net/government/embassies/>

- Embassies Located Inside and Outside U.S. Web Link

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