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Immigration Straight Talk

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USCIS Proposes To Invalidate Older Green Cards

USCIS has proposed a rule that would require replacement of all Permanent Residence Cards issued without expiration dates. The proposed rule would affect at least 750,000 U.S. Permanent Residents issued Green Cards between 1977 and 1989.

Under the proposed rule, USCIS would designate a 120-day period for filing Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Residence Card, along with a \$290 filing fee and an \$80 biometric fee. Applicants would have their biometrics taken at local USCIS Application Support Centers.

USCIS would publish in the *Federal Register* a date upon which the validity of the old-style Cards without expiration dates would terminate. U.S. Permanent Residents who fail to file Form I-90 within the designated 120-day period would not lose their permanent residence status, however they may not receive their new Green Cards before the termination of the old cards, leaving them in violation of the registration requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Permanent Residents do not have to wait for the new rule to take effect to file for a new Green Card. USCIS will now accept I-90 applications from Permanent Residents prior to issuance of a final rule.

New Citizenship Test Announced

USCIS unveiled a new citizenship test that will take effect in October, 2008. Many of the questions dealing with principles of American democracy, the U.S. system of government, rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, American history, and geography, will have more than one correct answer.

All applicants who apply for naturalization on or after October 1, 2008 will take the new test. Those who file naturalization applications before October 1, 2008, but are interviewed after October 1, 2008, will have a choice between the current test and the new test. Those who have filed applications and are interviewed before October 1, 2008 will take the current test.

USCIS has posted the new test, reading and writing vocabulary lists, a comparison of the current and new test, and other information at www.uscis.gov/newtest.

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