

RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS TO CARRY TO SHOW VALID IMMIGRATION STATUS

This list includes some of the documents which may be used to show current proof of valid immigration status for temporary visa holders, permanent residents, and U.S. citizens.

Temporary visa holders – e.g. H-1B, L-1, TN, F-1, E-1/E-2, O-1, P-1:

- Foreign passport.
- Most recent Form I-94 (Forms I-94 are accessible at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/home>.)
- With I-129 petition filed and...
 - Approved: Form I-797A, approval notice, for I-129 petition, with Form I-94 affixed as appropriate.
 - Pending: Form I-797C, receipt notice, for petition to request an extension showing timely filing, along with previous approval documents including Form I-797A, approval notice, and Form I-94.
- Form I-20: for international students – if engaged in Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT), that document should be endorsed for CPT or OPT authorization, as appropriate.

Family members of temporary residents – e.g. H-4, L-2, TD, F-2, E-3, O-3, P-4:

- Foreign passport.
- Most recent Form I-94 (Forms I-94 are accessible at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/home>.)
- With I-539 application filed and...
 - Approved: Form I-797A, approval notice, for I-539 application with Form I-4 affixed as appropriate.
 - Pending: Form I-797C, receipt notice, for filing of I-539 application to change or extend status (if current I-94 has expired and an application has been timely filed).
- Form I-20 (for F-2 spouses and children).

Permanent residents:

- U.S. permanent resident card or green card.
- Foreign passport with I-551 stamp (temporary evidence of lawful permanent residence).

U.S. citizens

- U.S. Passport.
- Copy of naturalization certificate (if applicable).