

Permanent Resident Cards (commonly known as Form I-551 Green Card) can be issued or replaced only by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the United States. The Embassy is unable to issue a replacement card. If you left your Green Card in the United States and you are outside the United States, you should ask a friend or relative there to send you the card by express mail.

If your Green Card has been **lost or stolen**, the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava may be able to issue you an LPR Boarding Foil which would allow you to return to the United States. In order to issue a Boarding Foil, the consular section must interview you and obtain confirmation of your permanent resident alien status from the Department of Homeland Security.

If you plan to file a Form I-131A to apply for a LPR boarding foil, please note that you must pay the filing fee online on the [USCIS website](#) before appearing in person at a consular section. Information on the new form and fee is located [here](#). You must bring evidence of payment, in the form of a printed email receipt notice or confirmation page, when you appear in person to file Form I-131A. As with all immigration fees, [USCIS does not issue refunds](#), regardless of the decision on the application.

You may find additional information on and instructions for the I-131A on the [I-131A Form and Instructions page](#).

If your Green Card is **expired**, please follow the instructions at <https://www.uscis.gov/news/alerts/form-i-131a-now-available>

### Frequently asked Questions:

#### 1. Can the I-131A fee paid to USCIS be refunded?

An I-131A fee will only be refunded in the event of U.S. government error. USCIS will not process a refund if an applicant later determines that a LPR boarding foil was unnecessary. Please contact the relevant [USCIS Field Office](#) for more information.

#### 2. What evidence can LPRs present at an airport, rather than applying for a boarding foil?

To enter the U.S., a LPR may present at least one of the following items in place of a boarding foil:

1. An expired Permanent Resident Card with a 10-year expiration date,  
*or*
  2. A valid Permanent Resident Card (with a two-year validity), and a Form I-797, Notice of Action, indicating that status is extended,  
*or*
  3. Orders from the U.S. government (civilian or military) showing that time outside the U.S. was on official government business.
- These individuals should consult their air carrier prior to completion of an I-131A and payment of the fee.

#### 3. Where can I obtain my A number or find out more information?

Please direct your inquiries to the nearest [USCIS field office location](#).