

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Lost Green Card: inside the United States or abroad

What changes when a Green Card is lost outside the United States?

A missing Green Card creates a document problem whose next question depends on location. USCIS distinguishes ordinary replacement from carrier documentation for a resident abroad. Permission to board transportation does not decide admission, residence abandonment or naturalization eligibility.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Record whether the card was lost inside or outside the United States.
- ☐ Preserve secure prior copies and the actual residence notices if available.
- ☐ Separate replacement, boarding and admission questions.
- ☐ Include the full travel history if an extended absence is involved.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-90: Replace Permanent Resident Card

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-90>

USCIS: International travel as a permanent resident

<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/after-we-grant-your-green-card/international-travel-as-a-permanent-resident>

U.S. Department of State: Returning resident visas: distinct consular inquiry

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/returning-resident.html>

USCIS: Replace your Green Card

<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/after-we-grant-your-green-card/replace-your-green-card>

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Source links (continued)

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

Return to the complete guide

<https://immigrantinsider.com/immigration-paths/lpr/lost-card/>

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