

Removal of SSN from DoD ID Cards

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The Department of Defense (DoD) is removing SSNs from Common Access Cards (CACs) and Uniformed Services Identification (USID) Cards to protect the personal identity information of cardholders.

Cardholders will have their DoD ID Number printed on their ID cards. This number also replaces the SSN as the Geneva Conventions serial number.

Eligible beneficiaries will also have their DoD Benefits Number printed on their ID cards. Medical providers will use the DoD Benefits Number on new ID cards to validate eligibility and to process claims.

Cards with the SSN remain valid until replaced. Changes to ID cards will be made upon ID card renewal.

SSN Reduction Plan

- Phase I: Removal of Dependent SSNs
*Began in December 2008
Completed in December 2012*
- Phase II: Removal of printed SSNs
*Began in June 2011
Expected completion in June 2015*
- Phase III: Removal of SSNs embedded in barcodes
*Began in December 2012
Expected completion in 2022*

Updated September 2014

Frequently Asked Questions

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Who does this affect?

All DoD ID cardholders.

Should I get a new card now?

No! Current cards are valid until the card expires. If your ID card has an INDEF expiration date, and you would like the SSN removed, visit your nearest RAPIDS Site.

Will my ID be rejected without a visible SSN?

Your ID should not be rejected without a visible SSN; however, you may be asked to verbally state your own or your Sponsor's SSN.

Won't my medical provider need the new DoD Benefits Number to process my claim?

Providers may use either the Sponsor's SSN or the DoD Benefits Number until all cards have been replaced.

Where should I go?

Visit the RAPIDS Site Locator at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl to find a location near you. ID card issuance is available at over 1,500 RAPIDS Sites worldwide.

What should I bring?

For card renewal, please review the Pre-Arrival Checklist at http://www.cac.mil/Portals/53/Documents/required_docs.pdf for more information.

Removal of the Social Security Number (SSN) from DoD ID Cards

SSN Reduction



PHASE I

Removal of Dependents' SSNs
Began in December 2008

USID CARD



DD Form 1173

Dependent SSN
removed

Sponsor SSN
remained visible



DD Form 1173-1

Cardholder SSN
replaced with
DoD ID Number

DoD Benefits Number
(only on cards that convey
DoD benefits)

Completed:
December 2012

PHASE II

Removal of All Printed SSNs
Began in June 2011

CAC



DoD Benefits Number
(only on cards that convey DoD benefits)



DoD ID Number

USID CARD



Cardholder SSN
replaced with
DoD ID Number

DoD Benefits Number
(only on cards that convey
DoD benefits)

Expected Completion:
June 2015

PHASE III

Removal of SSNs Embedded in Barcodes
Began in December 2012
(In parts A & B)

CAC



Part A
Removal began in
December 2012

Part B
Removal to begin in 2017

USID CARD



Part A
Removal began in
December 2012

Part B
Removal to begin in 2017

Expected Completion:
June 2022



SSN Reduction Plan

For more information regarding the
SSN Reduction Plan, please visit
www.cac.mil