Removal of SSN from DoD ID Cards

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
**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
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)

**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

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