

Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number **DAA-0566-2022-0007**

Schedule Status **Approved**

Agency or Establishment **Citizenship and Immigration Services**

Record Group / Scheduling Group **Records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

Records Schedule applies to **Agency-wide**

Schedule Subject **Border Crossing Cards**

Internal agency concurrences will be provided **No**

Background Information **Border Crossing Cards ("Labor Identification Cards") were used in the first half of the 20th Century by the Bureau of Immigration. These cards intended for aliens and citizens who, residing on either side of the border, frequently crossed for legitimate pursuits. This identification card was furnished to such persons upon application to the immigration official in charge at the US Port of Entry (POE).**

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
1	1	0	0

GAO Approval

Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0566-2022-0007

Sequence Number

1	Border Crossing Cards Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0566-2022-0007-0001
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Records Schedule Items

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1	<p data-bbox="342 380 672 411">Border Crossing Cards</p> <p data-bbox="342 432 1151 464">Disposition Authority Number DAA-0566-2022-0007-0001</p> <p data-bbox="342 485 1516 1360"> “Form 688” was issued by the Bureau of Immigration (predecessor to the Immigration Naturalization Service), to individuals who claimed United States citizenship or nationality, who frequently crossed the Mexican border with the continental United States. These border locations in the United States included, but were not limited to: Brownsville, Hidalgo, Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Rio Grande City, and El Paso, Texas; Douglas, Naco, Nogales, San Fernando, and Ajo, Arizona; Andrade, Calexico, Campo, and Tia Juana, California. An identification card, “Form 688” for US citizens, and “Form 687” for aliens, was provided to citizens and aliens by the immigration official in charge at the POE. The “Form 688 and Form 687” cards constituted a pass which facilitated inspection by immigration officials. The documents are a card of heavy safety paper. The applicant's photograph was affixed to the card, with the rubber stamp seal of the issuing office impressed over its margin. The card “Form 688” or “Form 687” contained the bearer's personal description, date, and place of birth, and (if naturalized) the bearer's signature. A card was issued for each applicant, and its validity was restricted to a period not longer than 2 years. The SPL 222 forms were departure manifests produced and issued by the Department of Labor. If the person was a native-born U.S. citizen, the person's birthplace was noted. If the person was naturalized, the date and place of naturalization was noted. Form SPL 222 also included each person's marital status, occupation, ability to read and write, country of future permanent residence, country where the person lived before coming to the U.S., town and state of last residence in the U.S., and date and port of departure. </p> <p data-bbox="342 1381 922 1413">Final Disposition Permanent</p> <p data-bbox="342 1434 850 1465">Item Status Active</p> <p data-bbox="342 1486 805 1518">Is this item media neutral? No</p> <p data-bbox="342 1539 1135 1570">Explanation of limitation Records are in paper only.</p> <p data-bbox="342 1591 805 1728">Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? No</p> <p data-bbox="342 1759 659 1791">Disposition Instruction</p> <p data-bbox="342 1812 1211 1919">If this item has multiple sections, indicate here records to which this section apply Non-electronic Textual Records</p>

Transfer to the National Archives for Accessioning **Transfer to the National Archives immediately after approval of schedule.**

Additional Information

First year of records accumulation **1916**

End year of records accumulation **1947**

What will be the date span of the initial transfer of records to the National Archives? **From 1916 To 1947**

How frequently will your agency transfer these records to the National Archives? **Unknown
Once - Transfer Labor Cards immediately**

	Estimated Current Volume	Annual Accumulation
Electronic/Digital		
Paper	14 Cubic feet	
Microform		
Hardcopy or Analog Special Media		

Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
02/10/2022	Certify	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
02/10/2022	Return for Revision	Ashby Crowder	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
02/11/2022	Submit For Certification	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
02/15/2022	Certify	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
02/17/2022	Return for Revision	Ashby Crowder	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
02/17/2022	Submit For Certification	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
03/08/2022	Certify	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
05/04/2022	Return for Revision	Ashby Crowder	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
08/29/2022	Submit For Certification	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
08/29/2022	Certify	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
10/07/2022	Submit for Concurrence	Ashby Crowder	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
10/14/2022	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
10/17/2022	Concur	Laurence Brewer	Chief Records Officer	National Records and Archives Administration - National Records and Archives Administration

10/19/2022	Approve	Debra Wall	Deputy Archivist	National Archives and Records Administration - ND Archives I Office
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