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Permit to Reenter the United States

Section 10 of the Immigration Act of 1924, authorizing the issuance of a permit to reenter the United States after a temporary absence abroad, applies only to alien residents of the United States who are last recorded as having been permanently admitted by officers of this Service. It does not apply to aliens admitted temporarily as visitors or in transit or otherwise, or to non-resident aliens, even though at one time they were previously admitted for permanent residence.

A reentry permit does not carry with it absolute assurance of admission, because an alien must be found admissible under the general immigration requirements on each occasion of application for admission to the United States. However, a reentry permit is of assistance in establishing the status of a permanent alien resident of the United States and relieves him from the necessity of obtaining an immigration visa for the return journey to the United States, if return is made during the time specified in the permit.

An application for a reentry permit should be filed on form 631 approximately 30 days prior to departure. The form of application, together with instructions for its preparation, may be obtained from any office of this Service. The fee for a permit is \$3, and a separate application must be made for each person, whether adult or child, regardless of age or sex. The head of the family may execute and file applications in behalf of minor children. A reentry permit is valid for 1 year and may be used for only one entry into the United States. However, on good cause being shown, a permit may be extended for periods not exceeding 6 months each. The request for extension must be made from abroad, and it must be accompanied by a fee of \$3, as well as the permit. Full instructions in this matter are attached to the form of application.

Identification Cards

Immigrant-Identification Cards

An immigrant-identification card is issued by a consular officer in the case of each immigrant (except immigrant students) receiving a quota or nonquota immigration visa. This card is issued for the identification of the person whose name appears on the reverse side as the bearer of a quota or nonquota immigration visa. It is not