

Documents that will help you prove you have been resident in the USA

Below is a list of documents that help prove residency in the United States. Make sure that they have your name on them. You should gather as many of these documents as possible, make clear photocopies of them, and store them in a safe place.

Paycheck stubs and payroll records

Lease/Rental agreements or proof of security deposit payment

Birth certificates of children born in the United States

Marriage certificates if married in the United States

Divorce decrees if divorced in the United States

Dental, hospital, medical vaccination records and bills, and proof of payment

School records, awards, certifications, diplomas, pictures, yearbooks, etc. (from schools attended in the United States)

Religious records such as baptism, confirmation and registration certificates

Immigration and Naturalization Service/Department of Homeland Security Form I-94, arrival/departure record (if applicable)

Valid (expired or un-expired) passport with stamped date of admission into the United States (if applicable)

Proof of ownership of real estate (e.g., a home)

Proof of application for home loan and proof of paying-off home loan

Proof of purchase of an automobile and payments for automobile and car insurance

Automobile registration, car title, license receipts and Department of Motor Vehicle records

Insurance invoices, claims, policies and payment of insurance

Utility bills such as electricity, gas, heat, sewer, water, etc. and telephone bills

Credit card history in the United States (e.g., Sears card, etc.)

Social Security records

Record of payment of federal, state, and/or local taxes with W-2 forms

Union records

Bank records such as statements, cancelled checks and money order receipts

Selective Service registration card

Postmarked envelopes addressed to the foreign national here in the United States

Photographs of celebrations in the United States, preferably with dates marked on them