Removal of SSNs from DoD ID Cards

As of June 2011, the SSN is no longer printed on any DoD ID card.

These changes are being made by the Department of Defense to protect the personal identity information of cardholders.

A "DoD ID Number" will be printed on all ID cards and will be used as the Geneva Conventions serial number.

Eligible beneficiaries will also have a "DoD Benefits Number" printed on their ID card. 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.

SSN Removal — A Phased Approach

Phase One:	Remove Dependent SSNs *Began in December 2008*
Phase Two:	Remove printed SSNs from all cards *As of June 2011*
Phase Three:	Remove SSNs embedded in barcodes *Beginning by the end of 2012*

Note: Changes to cards will be made upon ID card renewal.

For more information regarding the SSN Removal, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard

Frequently Asked Questions

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, contact your nearest RAPIDS ID Card facility for an appointment to have a new card issued.

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
www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home
to find a location near you. ID cards are available at over 1,500 RAPIDS ID card centers worldwide.

What should I bring?
Two forms of ID from the OMB I-9 document list. One must be a valid (unexpired) federal or state issued photo ID. Visit
www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf
for more information.

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

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PHASE I

Remove Dependent SSN
Started in December 2008

DEPENDENT ID CARD

DD Form 1173

Dependent SSN will be replaced with XXX-XX-XXXX

Sponsor SSN will remain visible

DD Form 1173-1

PHASE II

Remove All Printed SSNs
As of June 2011

COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC)

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

DoD ID Number

ALL OTHER CARDS

Cardholder SSN replaced by a DoD ID Number

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

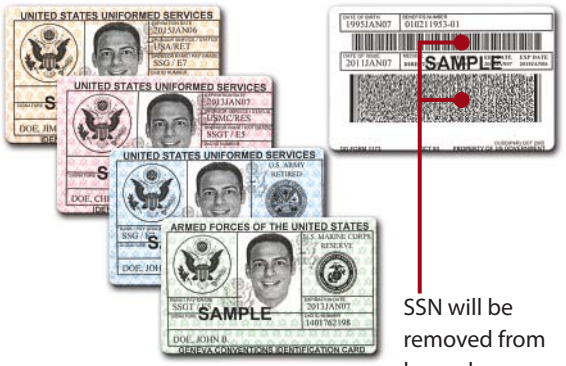
PHASE III

Remove SSNs Embedded in Barcodes
Beginning by end of 2012

COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC)

SSN will be removed from barcodes

ALL OTHER CARDS



SSN will be removed from barcodes

DoD ID Card Identification Chart

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