

## ✓ What information is stored on the CAC?

➤ **Integrated Circuit Chip (Updateable Information):** Your identification information printed on the card such as name, gender, benefits and privileges information, blood type and organ donor information (military only); digital certificates, and other data.

➤ **Magnetic stripe (Updateable)**  
Primarily building access information.

➤ **Two separate Barcodes (Different information for each bar code)** Your name, SSN, DOB, personnel category, pay category, benefits information, organizational affiliation, and pay grade.

## ✓ How safe is the information stored on the Integrated Circuit Chip?

To access the information on the chip of your ID card requires:

➤ Your Personal Identification Number (PIN)

➤ System access to the applications to interpret the information

All information on the CAC **meets or exceeds the protection requirements of the privacy laws.** Printed information on the CAC is kept to a minimum (meets Geneva Conventions requirements if applicable).

## ✓ YOU MUST PROTECT YOUR PIN

➤ Never write your PIN on your card or on anything stored with your card (notes in wallet, purse, etc.).

➤ If someone has learned your PIN, report it to your security officer immediately and return to the nearest CAC issuance station to get a new PIN.

## ✓ What if I forget my PIN?

You have three chances to enter your PIN correctly. After the third time, the system will lock you out and you will have to return to the RAPIDS CAC issuing facility to have your card “unlocked.”

## ✓ What if my CAC is lost or stolen?

Report the missing card to your supervisor or security officer as soon as possible.

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**U.S. AIR FORCE**

**Introducing a  
New ID  
Card:**

**The  
Common  
Access Card  
(CAC)**

## ✓ Why a Common Access Card (CAC)?

The CAC will **perform more functions** than the current ID card.

- It can **replace existing building and controlled space passes**. *Local organizations will determine this requirement.*
- If you use a computer at work, the card will let you **encrypt or encode your email, and electronically “sign” documents**. *Your local command will tell you when that will happen and how to do it. In the future, the card will allow users to “log on” to their desktop or laptop computer.*
- Some organizations will use the CAC in day-to-day business. The Air Force is currently planning to use the CAC in logistics, supply and manifesting applications.

## ✓ When will I receive the CAC?

Issuance begins at selected sites in Virginia, Germany, and Korea in January 2001. The CAC will be issued as current ID cards expire or replacements become necessary. All previously approved versions of the ID card will remain valid until they expire or replacements are issued. DoD civilians and eligible contractors will be issued a CAC directed by base commanders.

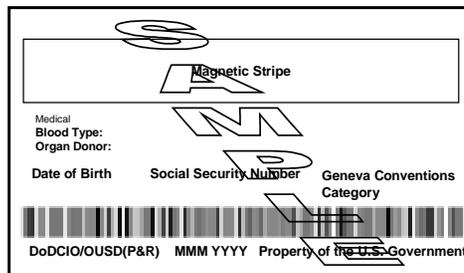
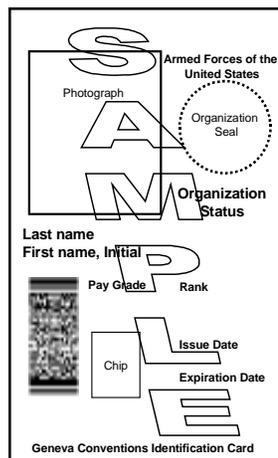
## ✓ How do I get my CAC?

All eligible personnel will be instructed when to report to their local MPF for issuance.

When you report, please bring:

- Your current ID card and a second picture ID
- Your e-mail address
- A 6-8 digit PIN that you can remember
- Completed and signed DD 1172-2 (Form is ONLY for contractors and civilian employees not enrolled in DEERS)

## ✓ What does the CAC look like?



*Unauthorized reproduction, imitation, or likeness of the CAC is punishable under 18 U.S.C. Section 701.*

## ✓ Who will receive the new CAC?

The CAC *will* be issued to:

- *Active Duty Uniformed Services Personnel*
- *Selected Reserve*
- *DoD Civilian Employees*
- *Eligible Contractor Personnel*

The CAC *won't* be issued to:

- *Family members*
- *Current Uniformed Services ID card holders who are not in the groups receiving the CAC, such as:*

- *Retirees*
- *Disabled American Veterans*
- *Inactive Ready Reserve*
- *Inactive Guard*

*These individuals will continue to receive the current ID card.*

## ✓ Where can I use my CAC?

The CAC can be used at all locations where current ID cards are accepted. Additional locations, services, and functions that accept or support the new CAC will depend initially on your local command.