

Enhanced Tribal Cards

In the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) Land/Sea Final Rule, published April 3, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) allows all U.S. Federally Recognized Tribes to work with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to produce an Enhanced Tribal Card (ETC) denoting citizenship and identity.

Under this provision, each interested U.S. Tribe is allowed to enhance its own tribal-specific, photo-identification document to be distributed only to the Tribe's legitimate members. The ETC initiative is a historic partnership between the U.S. Tribes and CBP for recognition of Tribal issued identification cards as highly secure, international travel documents for entering the United States at the land and sea ports of entry.

In consultation with the U.S. Tribes, CBP has developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as a starting point for the ETC negotiations.

Since 2008, several U.S. Tribes have engaged CBP on the ETC initiative and are currently working with CBP to enhance their tribal identification document.

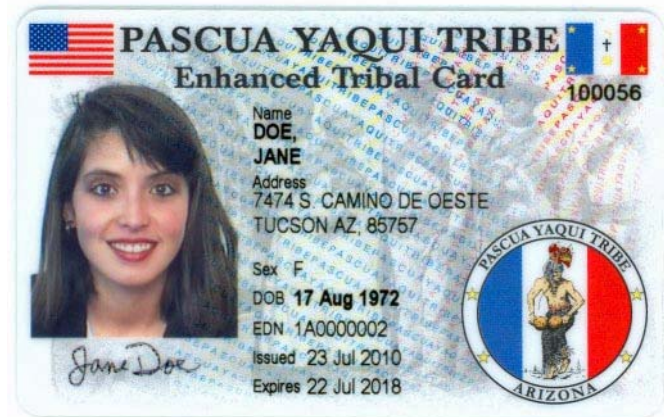
On July 26, 2010, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona began producing an ETC. On April 4, 2011, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho began producing an ETC. Other U.S. Tribes are scheduled to go to ETC production in 2011.

Under the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, DHS is providing grants to the U.S. Federally Recognized Tribes interested in ETC development and production. The grant monies are annual and U.S. Tribes may reapply each year through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component agency of DHS, for available funding.

The WHTI Land/Sea Final Rule also allows Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to work with CBP to enhance their identification document for all Canadian First Nations People. INAC already issues a single uniform identification-document to all eligible Canadian First Nations People. It is this single document that may be enhanced.

In 2009, INAC successfully enhanced its photo identification card, called the Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS). On December 29, 2009, INAC began producing the SCIS card.

For more information, please visit the [CBP website](#).



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