

# What is an Alien Number?

- An Alien Number or A# is a unique number given to a non-citizen by U.S. immigration authorities. It is a 9-digit number that may have the letter 'A' before it.
- The A# is very important and often required for immigration processes. It is a good idea to memorize the number and to write it down somewhere safe and accessible.
- If someone is detained, you will need their A# and country of birth to locate them using the ICE Detainee Locator System: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>
- The A# is NOT a Social Security Number, Subject ID #, or Event No.



# Where do I find an Alien Number?

- You can find the A# in immigration documents (e.g., work authorization, Notice to Appear, Court Hearing Notice, USCIS documents, Form I-797 Notices, Green Card)
- Depending on the immigration document, it can also be called a File # or USCIS #



Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

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| Receipt Number<br>LIN1234567890                                         | Case Type<br>1140 - IMMIGRANT PETITION FOR ALIEN WORKER |
| Received Date<br>12/31/2018                                             | Petitioner<br>SAMPLE INC                                |
| Notice Date<br>12/31/2018                                               | Beneficiary A123 456 789<br>SAMPLE, ROHIT               |
| Notice Type: Approval Notice<br>Section: Indiv w/Adv Deg or Exceptional |                                                         |

SAMPLE INC  
c/o NAHLA SAMPLE PRESIDENT CEO



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
NOTICE TO APPEAR

DOB: 01/01/2001  
Event No: BRO9987654321

Things under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act:  
67891011

File No: 123 456 789

Name Last: Name Last: Name  
NEW YORK, 12345  
(Number, state and ZIP code)  
(Area code and phone number)

currently residing at  
living alien.  
in present in the United States who has not been admitted or paroled.

CONTROL Name (Last, First, Middle)  
Last Name, First Name

|                                                                                                   |               |                                                              |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Birth Date<br>08/11/1970                                                                          | Age<br>55     | Marital Status<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single | File Number<br>557755           | A# 231-456-789       |
| Sex<br>M                                                                                          | Hair<br>Brown | Eyes<br>Brown                                                | Height<br>5'8"                  | Weight<br>160        |
| U.S. Address/Mail (Number) (Street) (City) (State) (ZIP CODE)<br>123 Street Name, City, NY, 11111 |               |                                                              |                                 |                      |
| Alien's Telephone #<br>888-111-2233                                                               |               | Date of Action<br>01/01/2021                                 |                                 | Location Code<br>NYC |
| City, Province (State) and Country of Birth<br>Platon Besace, Haiti                               |               |                                                              | Country of Citizenship<br>Haiti |                      |
| Date, Place, Time and Manner of Last Entry/Attempted Entry<br>08/21/2025, 8am, El Paso            |               |                                                              | Status at Entry<br>Status       |                      |
| Foreign Address/Residence (Number, Street, City, Province (State), Country)<br>Haiti              |               |                                                              |                                 |                      |
| Method of Location/Apprehension<br>Entry                                                          |               | (At/Near)<br>El Paso                                         | Date & Hour<br>8/21/2025, 8am   |                      |



Department of State  
Office for New Americans

New Americans Hotline:  
1-800-566-7636  
Monday – Friday, 9 AM–8 PM EST  
MULTI-LINGUAL AND CONFIDENTIAL



## ¿Qué es un Alien Number (número de extranjero)?

- El Alien Number (número de extranjero) El número de extranjero o A# es un número único que las autoridades de inmigración de EE.UU. asignan a los extranjeros. Es un número de 9 dígitos que puede tener la letra «A» delante.
- El A# es muy importante y a menudo es necesario para los trámites de inmigración. Es una buena idea memorizar el número y guardarlo en algún lugar seguro y accesible.
- Si alguien es detenido, necesitará su A# y país de nacimiento para localizarlo utilizando el Sistema de Localización de Detenidos del ICE: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>
- El número A NO es un número de la Seguridad Social (SSN), ni un número de identificación del sujeto (Subject ID #), ni un número de evento (Event No).



## ¿Dónde puedo encontrar un Alien Number (número de extranjero)?

- Puede encontrar su A# en sus documentos de inmigración, por ejemplo, autorizaciones de trabajo, Notice to Appear (Invitación a Audiencia Judicial), documentos del USCIS, Formulario I-797, Tarjeta Verde, etc.
- Dependiendo del documento, también puede llamarse File # o USCIS #.



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