



Common Misconceptions About SCIS

It is not easy to renew/we have to travel far to renew it.

You can renew your SCIS on your own with the simplified renewal form. You can take a photo on your own with the SCIS Photo App. Travel is not necessary unless you require assistance, then your closest Trusted Source can assist you.

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1672857022307/1698255176737>

We can't get a laminate if we get this card.

You can always go back to laminate if your SCIS expires, but we do recommend renewing your SCIS up to a year before it expires. You can also get a temporary confirmation of registration document from your membership administrator until your SCIS does come in.

Will you take my laminate away if I apply for the SCIS?

We will not be taking your laminate from you, we don't need to see your laminate, but you will need to know your 10 digit registration number. You can also continue to use your laminate until your SCIS comes in.

It is not easy to replace once lost, stolen or damaged.

If your card is lost, stolen or damaged you can re-apply using the same type of application form that you used to originally apply. It takes less than 10 minutes.

Will we lose rights if we apply for the SCIS? This is just another form of Government tracking.

You will lose no rights as a North American Indian. You will continue to have dual citizenship. This card is the same issuing authority as your laminated (CIS) through Indigenous Services Canada, it is just considered an upgraded version.

It takes too long to apply.

The application process will take less than 10 minutes with the proper documentation. No appointment necessary.

Stores don't recognize the new SCIS.

The SCIS is becoming very common, and a lot of stores are now able to scan them as you would at the border.

I don't have a photo.

You will receive a free photo at the time of application with the use of the SCIS Photo App. You do not need a guarantor, the Trusted Source staff will sign as guarantor.

Need more information?

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