

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUIREMENTS

If you are a foreign national, even if you have your Green Card, and you move to a new address, there are several things that you **must** do in order to comply with Immigration laws.

The USCIS provides a way to change the record of your address online. Simply go to <https://egov.uscis.gov/crisgwi/go?action=coa> to change your address online.

Alternatively you may file Form AR-11. You will find this form on the USCIS web site: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/ar-11.pdf> . The form should be completed and returned to the Kentucky address.

The consequences of not filing a Change of Address online or filing the Form AR-11 could be severe. In fact the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) states that it is a **deportable offense** not to file the Form AR-11:

INA section 237 (a)(3) clearly makes failure to register within 10 days of an address change a deportable offense, i.e., "Change of address. - An alien who has failed to comply with the provisions of section 265 is deportable, unless the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful."

Practically speaking, the Department of Homeland Security would probably not use this as a means to deport a foreign national unless they were looking for a reason to do so, but it is always a possibility.

In addition to filing Form AR-11, if you have a petition or application pending at the USCIS **you must call** the National Customer Service Number (800-375-5283) to update their address with the USCIS. Filing Form AR-11 does not change the USCIS records, and if the USCIS does not have your correct address information, notifications or communications could be lost or delayed.

Also, note that even if you are a Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) – Green Card holder, you **must** file Form AR-11. An LPR has this obligation up until the time they become a US citizen.