

HOW TO REPLACE A LOST SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

One problem that people may have in filing a bankruptcy is that the Bankruptcy Trustee will want to see a physical Social Security Card at the Meeting of Creditors. Sadly, this is one of the few times that you'll have to show your actual card, but without it, the Trustee will simply continue your Meeting of Creditors for a few weeks later and direct you to go get a new card. So how do I replace it?

Step 1:

Locate the Social Security Office for your County. You can find this online at <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>

Step 2:

You will need to take some documents down to your local Social Security Office and apply for a new card. They have the applications at the office, but you can also get a copy of the Application Form at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf>

At the office, you will need to prove your IDENTITY and either your U.S. CITIZENSHIP or your right to work immigration status. To prove your Identity, you can simply bring your original (and valid) Driver's License or State ID Card.

To prove your Citizenship or right to a S.S.Number, you can bring any **one** of the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Original U.S. Passport
- Original Certificate of Citizenship
- Original Certificate of Naturalization
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad

Once you file your application, you'll get your new card in 1 to 2 weeks. However, the Social Security Office should give you a two page "Receipt" that acts as your temporary Social Security Card. The 2nd page of this receipt should have your name and your Social Security Number on it. Keep this document as it will suffice to show the Trustee if your card does not reach you in time for your Meeting of Creditors.