

## Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification of Non-United States Citizens

The Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training (“POST”) is committed to following all federal and state laws governing the certification of peace officer applicants, for both U.S. citizens and non-citizens alike. Senate Bill 102 and Senate Bill 1004, Peace Officer Training Qualifications Amendments, 2021, amended Utah Code Ann. § 53-6-203 to allow an individual to be admitted and certified as a peace officer who is:

- (1)(a)(ii) a lawful permanent resident of the United States who:
  - (A) has been in the United States legally for the five years immediately before the day on which the application is made; and; and
  - (b) has legal authorization to work in the United States.

After careful review of the bill language, POST has determined an applicant who is a lawful permanent resident must provide a photocopy of a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) or “green card” and proof of residence for the five years immediately preceding the day on which the application is made before they may be accepted into the academy. The Resident Since date on LPR card (see bottom field of example card on left) must be at least five years preceding the day on which the application is made.

Please note the difference between an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and a Permanent Resident Card (LPR or “green card”). The EAD (example card on the right) simply allows the individual to work and does not recognize an individual's legal residence status.

