DoD Introduces a New ID Card: The Common Access Card (CAC)

✔ What information is stored on the new ID card?

- **Computer chip** (updateable)
  Your name, gender, benefits and privileges information, blood type and organ donor information (military only), digital certificates, and other application-specific data.

- **Magnetic stripe** (updateable)
  Primarily building access information.

- **Barcodes**
  (different information for each barcode)
  Your name, SSN, DOB, personnel category, pay category, benefits information, organizational affiliation, and pay grade.

All information on the CAC meets or exceeds the protection requirements of the privacy laws. Printed information on the CAC is kept to a minimum (meets Geneva Conventions requirements if applicable).

✔ How safe is the information stored on the chip?

To access the information on the chip of your ID card requires:

- Your Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- System access to the applications to interpret the information

✔ YOU MUST PROTECT YOUR PIN

- Never write your PIN on your card or on anything stored with your card (notes in wallet, purse, etc.).
- If someone has learned your PIN, report it to your security officer immediately and return to the nearest CAC issuance station to get a new PIN.

✔ What if my new ID card is lost or stolen?

Report the missing card to your supervisor or security officer as soon as possible.

For more information regarding the Common Access Card, please access us on the web at:

http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard/
✔ Why a new ID card?
The new ID card will perform more functions than the old ID card.

➢ It can replace existing building and controlled space passes. Your local command will tell you if that is happening at your location.

➢ If you use a computer at work, the card will let you log on to your computer, encrypt or encode your email, or electronically “sign” documents. Your local command will tell you when that will happen and how to do it.

➢ Some commands will use the computer chip in day-to-day business to reduce your “hurry up and wait” time or help you do your job better. The number of commands using the chip will increase over time. Your local command will tell you if this is happening at your location.

✔ What does the new ID card look like?

✔ Who will and won’t receive the new ID card?
The new ID card will be issued to:

➢ Active Duty Uniformed Services Personnel
➢ Selected Reserve
➢ DoD Civilian Employees
➢ Eligible Contractor Personnel

The new ID card won’t be issued to:

➢ Family members
➢ Current Uniformed Services ID card holders who are not in the groups receiving the new ID card, such as:
  ➢ Retirees
  ➢ Disabled American Veterans
  ➢ Inactive Ready Reserve
  ➢ Inactive Guard

These individuals will continue to receive the current ID card.

✔ When will I receive the new ID card?
Issuance begins at selected sites in Virginia, Germany, and Korea in Fall 2000. These new cards will be issued as old ID cards expire or replacements become necessary. All previously approved versions of the ID card will remain valid until they expire or replacements are issued (no later than FY03). DoD civilians and eligible contractors will be issued an ID card as local commands direct (no later than FY03).

✔ Where can I use my new ID card?
The new ID card can be used at all locations where current ID cards are accepted. Additional locations, services, and functions that accept or support the new ID card will depend initially on your local command.

Unauthorized reproduction, imitation, or likeness of the CAC is punishable under 18 U.S.C. Section 701.