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Ministry of Justice Unveils Mobile Residence Card

- Bridging the Digital Divide for Foreign Residents –

On January 10, 2025, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) introduced the Mobile Residence Card, including Permanent Resident Card and Overseas Korean Residence Card, for registered foreign residents.

Using a mobile ID app established by the Ministry of the Interior and Safety, registered foreign nationals can download the Mobile Residence Card onto the smartphones registered under their name.

Before applying for the Mobile Residence Card, individuals must first obtain a newly updated physical Residence Card embedded with an IC chip that stores a personal identification number (PIN). To support the issuance of the Mobile Residence Card, the MOJ began issuing the updated physical Residence Card with the IC chip on January 1, 2025.

All registered foreign nationals aged 14 and older who own smartphones registered under their name are eligible for the Mobile Residence Card. And the Mobile Residence Card have the same validity as the physical ID card.

※ Foreign nationals under 14 years old are not eligible for the Mobile Residence Card in line with the national policy on mobile IDs, which also applies to Korean nationals.

Applicants with the newly updated physical Residence Card, featuring an embedded IC chip, can conveniently obtain the Mobile Residence Card through the government-released mobile ID app. However, holders of the older version of the physical Residence Card must visit an immigration office or branch to scan a QR code with their smartphones for identity verification in order to obtain the Mobile Residence Card.

※ The QR code scanning method is similar to that used for the mobile drivers' license and Mobile Resident Registration Certificate.

If a smartphone is replaced or the app is deleted, holders of the updated physical Residence Card with an embedded IC chip can easily reapply for the Mobile Residence Card using their physical Residence Card. However, holders of the older version of the physical Residence Card must revisit an immigration office or branch and scan the QR code again to reapply for the Mobile Residence Card.

Method	Steps for Downloading the Mobile Residence Card
Using Physical Residence Card with an IC Chip	① Download the mobile ID app ② Tap the physical Residence Card on the smartphone(enter PIN) ③ Complete face authentication(identity verification) ④ Save the Mobile Residence Card
Scanning a QR Code	① Download the mobile ID app ② Scan the QR code at an immigration office or branch ③ Complete face authentication(identity verification) ④ Save the Mobile Residence Card

The Mobile Residence Card can only be saved on a single smartphone registered in the applicant's name. If the smartphone is reported lost, the Mobile Residence Card will be automatically locked to prevent personal data breaches or identity theft. Additionally, advanced security technologies such as blockchain and encryption have been applied, making the new Mobile Residence Card highly secure. It can serve as a replacement for the existing physical Residence Card at various locations, including government agencies, financial institutions, convenience stores, and hospitals.

The MOJ will continue its efforts to enhance foreign residents' access to digital technologies in government services and to create a more convenient living environment for them.

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