



Tribe to Produce New Enhanced Tribal Card “ETC” to Meet the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative “WHTI”



On March 25, 2009 the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council by way of Tribal Resolution C03-41-09 Approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Tribe and the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection to procedure a Pascua Yaqui Enhanced Tribal Card to meet the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative “WHTI”. The Enrollment Department is currently working on the development of our “ETC” to meet the “WHTI” requirements.

The goal of the “WHTI” is to strengthen U.S. Border security while facilitating entry for U.S. Citizens by providing standardized documentation that enables the Department of Homeland Security to quickly and reliably identify a traveler. The Enhanced Tribal Card will show a tribal member’s U.S. citizenship, identity, and state residence.

- ◆ Currently: U.S. Citizens need to present either a passport or passport card or a “WHTI” compliant document or government issued photo ID, such as a driver’s license, along with proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.
- ◆ **Later: On June 1, 2009**, the U.S. Government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of “WHTI”. The rule will require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry have a “WHTI” compliant document such as:
 - U.S. Passport Card
 - Enhanced Driver’s License
 - **Enhanced Tribal Card**
 - U.S. Passport
 - NEXUS Card – Trusted Travel Program
 - SENTRI Card – Trusted Travel Program
 - FAST Card – Trusted Travel Program

The ETC Program :

- Will be available to qualifying tribal members on a voluntary basis
- To take part the tribal member must be a United States Citizen by birth or naturalization
- The tribal member have a certified birth certificate (or other passport or other equivalent source birth document)

The ETC will include facilitative technology enabling the electronic verification of the bearer’s identity, tribal membership and citizenship providing:

- Full name
- Full facial photo
- Date and place of birth
- Gender
- Address of principal residence
- Tribal membership
- Issue and expiration date
- A Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) utilizing Optical Character Recognition technology and a vicinity RFID chip to be embedded in the ETC

The Enrollment Department will be applying a fee to tribal members who apply for an Enhanced Tribal Card. Any questions regarding the Tribe’s ETC Program please contact the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Enrollment Department at 520.879.6231 or 1.800.572.7282 ext. 6231, or you may visit our office at 7474 S. Camino De Oeste Tucson, AZ 85757.

A SECOND NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP WILL FOLLOW TO FURTHER ADVISE WHEN THE ENHANCED TRIBAL CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND WHAT FEES AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY.