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DISSEMINATION OF THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION  
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. AFF -04-026  
(Resumption in the Implementation of ACR I Card Project)

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Memorandum Order No. AFF-04-026 from the Bureau of Immigration re: Resumption in the Implementation of ACR I Card Project, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
FLORENCIO B. ABAD  
Secretary

Encl: As stated  
Reference: None  
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)  
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Republic of the Philippines  
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**BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION**  
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RESUMPTION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ACR I CARD PROJECT

The Department of Justice (DOJ), in its Memoranda dated July 21, 2004 and November 17, 2004, has ruled that the Bureau's Memorandum Order No. AFF 04-006 dated April 1, 2004 deferring the implementation of the ACR I-Card Project 'suffers from legal infirmities and must accordingly be **RECALLED immediately**' and directed this Bureau to 'cause the full implementation of the Project without any further delay, pursuant to the terms of the ACR I-card BOT Agreement and the provisions of the BOT law and its IRR.'

On the substantive issue of reasonableness of the US\$50 fee and of whether it is an annual fee or a one-time fee, the DOJ has cited the certification of Secretary Romulo L. Neri of NEDA that based on pertinent records of ICC review and discussions on the project, the US\$50 fee is an annual fee and the certification of OIC-Executive Director Ofelia V. Bulaong of the BOT Center that the reasonableness of the imposed fee for ACR issuance and renewal has already been established in accordance with the law and guided by policy, economic and financial considerations.

In view thereof, the Memorandum Order No. AFF-04-006 dated April 1, 2004 deferring the implementation of the ACR I-Card Project is hereby **RECALLED** thereby giving way to its full implementation. The US\$50 card issuance/renewal fee remains effective.

Necessarily, the deadline stated in No. 11 of the Implementing Guidelines for the ACR I-Card Project (mandatory directive to change paper-based ACR to ACR I-Card) is extended to **March 31, 2005**. Failure to comply shall subject the registered alien to penalty as provided for in No. 12 (Penalty for Non-compliance).

For those who have been already issued their ACR I-Cards but were not able to use them due to the deferment of the Project, their ACR I-Cards shall continue to be effective until December 31, 2005 or the expiration of their visa, whichever comes first. Such ACR I-Card holders are hereby enjoined to report to the ACR I Card Center for the necessary change in the validity period of their ACR I-Cards.

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.

10 December 2004

  
**ALIPIO F. FERNANDEZ, JR.**  
Commissioner

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