The wheels of government bureaucracy turn slowly: Green cards

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When foreign nationals come to work at Microsoft, the legal department gets to work with the paperwork of applying for permanent residency (colloquially known as a *green card* even though the cards haven't been green for a long time). Obtaining permanent resident status in the United States takes a ridiculous amount of time, and I remember the irony when one of my colleagues finally received his green card… on his last day working at Microsoft.

Still, at least it arrived in time, if only barely. :: Wendy :: received her green card two months after she left the country.

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