



Immigration verification · specimen

The *Thẻ thường trú* (PRC), field by field

The Permanent Residence Card is the strongest immigration status a foreigner can hold in Vietnam — unlimited residence, no more visa runs, and the document banks and notaries trust most. Six fields matter, and one myth to clear up first: buying an apartment does not, on its own, earn you this card. Markers ①–⑥ refer to the facsimile on the previous page. Specimen document — fictional data.

1 Card number — Số thẻ

Every permanent residence card carries a unique **card number**, generated and tracked by the Immigration Department across its national database.

RED FLAG A card number in the wrong format, or one that fails verification with the Immigration Department.

2 No expiry — but not a shortcut — Thời hạn cư trú

Once granted, permanent residence has **no expiry date** — a rare status only a small number of foreigners hold. It is not, however, something an apartment purchase can unlock: it comes from marriage to a citizen, parentage, exceptional merit, or years of continuous lawful residence, decided case by case.

RED FLAG Anyone claiming a real-estate purchase in Vietnam grants permanent residence — under current law it does not.

3 Issuing authority — Cơ quan cấp

Issued by the **Immigration Department** (Cục Quản lý xuất nhập cảnh, Bộ Công an) only after its own review — a longer, stricter process than a temporary card or visa.

RED FLAG No issuing authority named, or a stamp that does not match this agency.

4 Registered address — Nơi thường trú tại Việt Nam

Records the holder's official **permanent residence address** in Vietnam — the reference address banks, notaries and utility providers will ask you to confirm.

RED FLAG An address that does not match the buyer's actual apartment or ownership paperwork.

5 Passport link — Hộ chiếu số

Holder details are tied to a specific, valid **passport**; renewing your passport later means updating this card too.

RED FLAG Name, date of birth or passport number that differs from the passport itself.

6 Place & date of issue — Nơi cấp, ngày cấp

Shows where and when the card was issued — useful to check how recently the holder's status and biometric photo were last updated.

RED FLAG A visibly altered issue date, or one that is implausibly recent for the stated basis of residence.

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