

#### **Emb**assy of Uruguay in USA



## Uruguayan Consular Card





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## I. BACKGROUND

The Uruguayan Consular Card (TCU in Spanish) is an official document issued by Uruguayan Consulates to their citizens living in the corresponding circumscription.

Its characteristics are similar to earlier initiatives undertaken by the Uruguayan Consulates in Mexico (2006), Chile (2007) and Venezuela (2007).

The United States would be the fourth country where Uruguay has implemented this initiative.

The TCU may also be given to minors.



## II. PURPOSE OF THE TCU

The TCU provides an important means of identification for Uruguayan citizens, as well as attractive discounts and promotional rates in areas of interest, such as: medical clinics, airlines, travel agencies, Uruguayan and other cuisines' restaurants, importers of national products, immigration law firms, etc., which may be useful to our citizens.



#### III. INTERNATIONAL LAW

The TCUs are issued according to the 1963 Vienna Convention of Consular Relations to which Uruguay and the United States are parties.

The practice of consular registration has been recognized by the International Law.

Consular posts of every country around the world offer this service to their citizens.

Consular ID Cards are the legal proof of such registration.



#### IV. REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to obtain a Uruguayan Consular Card are:

#### -Proof of nationality:

The documents accepted are: Uruguayan Passport or Uruguayan ID, issued by the official authorities.

#### -Proof of residency:

Any of the following documents: official ID with the address included, Uruguayan Passport, utilities' bills, etc.



## V. CONSULAR ID

- Consular IDs do not grant the bearer any immigration status in the United States.
- They are useful to locate Uruguayan nationals in case of emergencies (accidents, missing persons, natural disasters).
- They are extremely difficult to counterfeit, due to its highly sophisticated security measures.



### VI. SECURITY PROVISIONS

#### **CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Visual and hidden security provisions to avoid counterfeiting.
- Centralized system to avoid duplications.
- Verification of nationality and identity.
- Magnetic bar
- Digital files with the identity proof documents
- Holograms.
- Signature panel.



# VI. SECURITY PROVISIONS (FRONT)

SPECIAL SECURITY BLUE COLOR



The card is covered by security laminate holograms.



# VI. SECURITY PROVISIONS (BACK)

