The document background is a net of solid lines whose colour changes smoothly from one edge of the card to the other.

Microprints placed in the document background with words “RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA” and “DOWÓD OSOBISTY” visible when enlarged.

Data in the form of surname and date of birth sensed by touch.

Transparent raised characters sensed by touch on the surface of the card (visible from acute viewing angle) representing letters “RP” and miniature words “RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA”.

Transparent element with variable optical features (diffraction element) placed in the bottom right-hand corner of the photo. The key graphic motifs, i.e., the map of Poland with “RP” letters on it, change colour when the document is turned 90 degrees.

In March 2015, the Ministry of Internal Affairs will start issuing new personal identity cards. The card will continue to be produced from the same material and will have the same dimensions as the existing personal identity card. The change will concern the card’s graphic design, scope of specified personal data and anti-falsification security features.

Documents issued before March 2015 remain valid until expiration date specified in the document.

According to the Act of 6 August 2010 on Personal Identity Cards, new personal identity cards, as compared with the existing ones, will not include information on the place of residence, height and eye colour. In addition, they will not bear the holder’s signature. Instead, information on citizenship will be added.

ANTI-FALSIFICATION SECURITY FEATURES

A graphic image split between two sides of the document. The part of the image visible from the recto side is blue, while the matching part of the image visible from the verso side is black. Parts of the images on the recto side match and compose “RP” letters when seen against the light.

“DO” letters in Braille system. A transparent and raised element facilitates identification of the document by the blind and visually impaired.

A rectangular element containing a repeated photo of the document holder as well as document validity year. The sharpness of particular images changes depending on the viewing angle.

Recto side of personal identity card in ultraviolet light.