

NEED A TEMPORARY RADIATION BADGE?

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If you will be working in a posted radiation area or with radioactive materials, you will first need to successfully complete radiation worker training and then acquire a radiation badge. The “rad badges” are swapped out and processed on a quarterly basis and available in two kinds: *permanent* and *temporary*. Permanent badges are intended for longer-term use (at least six months) and their initial acquisition is delayed by a request-to-delivery time and the desire to “sync” their distribution with the quarterly swap cycle. Temporary badges are used to fill the gaps associated with permanent badges. In particular, they are immediately available and are well-suited to shorter-term use (less than six months). If you are a new badge user or you have misplaced your permanent badge, then you will probably need a temporary badge.



Temporary badges are available from a number of locations including the ComCenter and WH7E (also from CDF and D0, but only for people working in those buildings). Your best bet for obtaining one is the ComCenter that is located on the Ground Floor of Wilson Hall between the elevators. This office is staffed at all times.

In order to obtain a radiation badge, you may need to provide some additional information. In the past, this was collected from the prospective wearer via the *TLD badge card* and the contents were subsequently transcribed into an electronic database. Over that past few months, the process has been modified so that prospective wearers may directly enter the required information via the internet. This application can be accessed from any onsite computer via the following URL:

http://www-esh.fnal.gov/pls/default/tld_requests.html



The computers in the E-mail Center, located across from the Argonne Credit Union, have been set up for this same purpose. Click the *rad badge* icon and follow the instructions located on the walls by the computer terminals. In either case, simply enter your Fermilab ID and any other information that is requested. By using information already contained in databases, most prospective wearers will need to add little or no additional information. Once the required data is entered, users can simply go to a distribution center without re-visiting the web form, unless any information has changed. This approach greatly

reduces the administrative burden on both wearers and radiation safety personnel. With the paper approach, all fields had to be entered by the prospective wearer, every time a badge was checked out, whether or not the information was available from other sources.

As noted above, you must have completed Radiological Worker Training within the last two years before being issued a temporary or permanent rad badge. The new system for issuing badges allows for the status of training to be checked instantaneously. There are a few exceptions to this requirement, such as approved tour groups and those entering areas with an approved escort. For these exceptional circumstances you should consult your area RSO to obtain a TLD badge approval card and additional information.