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For best results, use professional vector programs like Illustrator, Coreldraw, or similar. Home programs like MS Word/Publisher don't have the right tools or colour palette. MS Excel is for spreadsheets. MS Powerpoint is for screen slideshows. PhotoShop is for editing bitmap images.

1 Use the allBIZ ONLINE EDITOR

Put **bleed*** items right to the very edge of the drawing space (they should go beyond the red CUT MARGIN)



- * BLEED: any object that goes right to the edge of the document. The object must actually go BEYOND the finished size by 3mm ("bleed over" the edge).
- (2) Use **ILLUSTRATOR** (or other vector software)

FLATTEN transparencies/layers (or you will get odd stripes/blocks)

BLEED - 2mm, and 4mm Safe Area away from edge for text

- 1 PAGE SIZE: see attached list for each page size (page 2), BLEED AREA: 3mm
- 2 SAVE AS: PDF (best if /X-1A). Tick "Trim/Crop marks" and "3mm bleed"

MORE INFO PAGE 2

MAKE SURE YOUR FILES ARE PRINT READY! PDF (PDF/X-1a is better) FONTS embedded (or converted to Curves/Paths/Outlines) IMAGES 600 to 300ppi (less resolution and they will print fuzzy and blocky) CMYK colour only (do not use RGB or Spot or mix them)

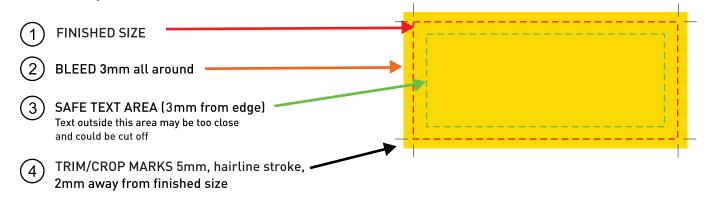
Your job could be **ruined** by bad files. Fuzzy, wrong colours/fonts, missing bits and more. Wrong files could be **rejected/charged a processing fee.**



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If you have to create the file manually using other software, your finished file should match the specs below:



CARD SIZE	ILLUSTRATOR / VECTOR	MANUAL
US3.5x5-FLAT (89 x 140mm)	PAGE: 89 x 140mm	PAGE: 103x154mm BLEED: 95x146mm CROP: 89 x 140mm
A6-FLAT (105x148mm)	PAGE: 105x148mm	PAGE: 119x162mm BLEED: 111x154mm CROP: 105x148mm
DL-FLAT (99x210mm)	PAGE: 99x210mm	PAGE: 113x224mm BLEED: 105x216mm CROP: 99x210mm

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