

IMMIGRATION STATUS GUIDE FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL

This quick-reference guide is designed to help appointed counsel in NYC Criminal Court and Family Court interview clients and identify common immigration statuses for the purposes of receiving accurate legal consults from the Padilla Support Center.

This guide is not exhaustive. It is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for individualized legal advice.



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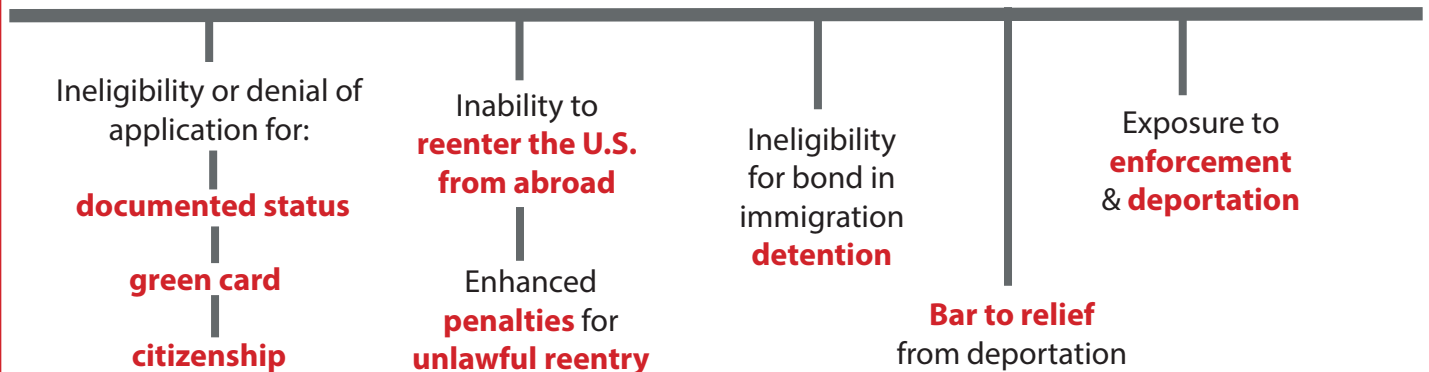
INTRODUCTION: USING THIS GUIDE

Contact with the Criminal & Family Court systems can lead to a broad range of adverse immigration consequences—including deportation—for both documented and undocumented people. These consequences are not always immediately obvious and can impact clients years after the resolution of a case. Moreover, even a *pending* Criminal or Family Court case can impact clients who are not U.S. citizens.

It is crucial to seek expert immigration advice early in a case so that you can try to mitigate these potentially devastating consequences and your client can make informed choices prior to the outcome of the case.

Moreover, **Criminal Court defenders**, in 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court held that **it is your constitutional duty** to provide affirmative, accurate and individualized advice about the immigration consequences of criminal charges prior to any plea. See *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 559 U.S. 356 (2010).

The broad spectrum of immigration consequences that can flow from Criminal & Family Court contacts



The foundation of an accurate immigration consult

In order to get an accurate consult, it is important to gather the following information unique to your client:

1 Immigration history, including past & current immigration status

2 Information about prior Criminal/Family Court contacts

3 Information about current Criminal/Family Court case

This guide will help you identify common immigration statuses so that you can have a productive conversation with clients and gather the most accurate information possible. On the next page, we detail some of the **fundamental questions** to ask clients about their immigration histories. Throughout the guide, we provide **follow-up questions** you may ask clients to verify their immigration status. Additionally, the appendices lay out definitions for common **immigration terms/abbreviations** and depict common **immigration documents**.

WHEN YOU FIRST MEET CLIENTS

First, ask EVERY client:

Where were you born?



Note: Discussing immigration status can be sensitive. Some people are afraid to talk about it. Some don't fully understand it. Make clear to clients that you work for THEM, not the federal government.

It is important to ask this of ALL clients -- not just ones who you think are not U.S. citizens (USCs). Many non-USCs speak English fluently without an "accent," and some came to the U.S. at such a young age that *they* might mistakenly think they are USCs. Asking, "**where were you born?**" will help you identify immigrant clients of all backgrounds.

NEXT, determine if your client is a U.S. citizen (USC). If your client was born outside of the U.S. and is not a USC, a Criminal or Family Court case can have adverse immigration consequences, including deportation.

If the client is not a USC, gather the following information for a legal consult:

- Where were you born?
- What is your date of birth?
- What is your current immigration status? Since when [date]?
- When did you come to the U.S. [date]?
- How did you enter the U.S.? In what status? (e.g. green card, visa, undocumented)
- Do you have an immigration number (A number)? If so, what is it?
- Have you had past contact with immigration?
- Do you have any pending immigration applications? If so, what and where are you in the process?
- Is there a deportation case against you?
- Immigration status of mother/father; legal spouse/partner; children

Photocopy any documentation client has of immigration status.

Refer as early in the case as possible. Submit a request for advice by webform (preferred) at immdefense.org/psc or by phone at 212-725-6422. We will contact you to complete intake within 2 business days.

U.S. Citizens (USCs)

Common ways to become a USC:

By birth in the United States

Your client is a USC if born in:

- a territory of the U.S.
- **Puerto Rico**
- Guam
- U.S. Virgin Islands

8 USC 1401(a)&(b), 1402, 1404-7, 1408

Acquired or derived through USC parent(s)

A client may have acquired citizenship if born abroad to USC parent(s). 8 USC 1401, 1403, 1409

A client may have derived citizenship if parent(s) became naturalized citizen(s) when client was under 18.

8 USC 1431

These areas of law are very complicated. Determining this requires **individualized analysis** by an immigration lawyer!

By application (naturalization)

- Must be LPR for a period of years before applying. 8 USC 1429
- Must prove "good moral character" (GMC). 8 USC 1101(f), 8 CFR 316.10
- Approval is discretionary.
- May be barred or denied b/c of Family or Criminal Court contacts. 8 USC 1421-1458

U.S. Citizens cannot be deported.*

Anyone who is **not** a USC can be deported.

Beware: some people may incorrectly believe they are USCs — particularly those who came to the U.S. as children. Always ask follow-up questions to verify!

* unless there was fraud in the naturalization application, in which case the client could be at risk of denaturalization & deportation

Documentation

- U.S. Passport
- Birth certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization

Questions to verify naturalization:

- Did you apply to become a USC?
- Did you take a test?
- Did you attend an oath ceremony?

Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)

also known as:

legal permanent resident
green card holder
legal
residente
tengo la residencia

LPRs have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. and given permission to live and work permanently. [8 USC 1101\(a\)\(20\)](#)

After 3-5 years, LPRs can apply to naturalize (i.e. become U.S. citizens). Military service members may be eligible for expedited citizenship.

Common ways to become an LPR:

Family member petitions

Employer petitions

Humanitarian relief leading to a green card (VAWA, SIJS, U, asylee/refugee)

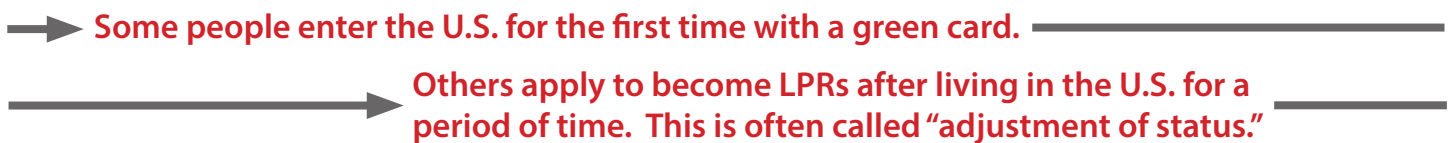
Step 1: Petitioner submits petition (e.g. Form I-130/I-140).

Step 2: Once initial petition approved, immigrant applies for green card, submitting fingerprints and going through an interview.

Conditional LPR

Immigration gives people who applied for a green card through their spouse a conditional green card if they've been married for under two years.

The conditional green card expires in two years. Conditional LPRs have the same benefits as regular LPRs, but they have to apply for a permanent green card shortly before their green card expires.



Questions to Verify:

A number (8- or 9-digit # on the green card)

When did you get your green card? (on green card -- Resident since: XX/XX/X)

How did you get your green card?

- Family petition (e.g. parent, spouse, child, sibling)?
- Employer petition?
- Because of other documented status?

Documentation

- Green card (even if expired)
- Stamp in passport or I-94 Arrival/Departure Card, stating "temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence"
- Receipt from application, aka I-797, Notice of Action (write down filing date & receipt #)

Note: LPR status does not terminate just because physical green card has expired.

Undocumented People

People who are undocumented do not have authorization from the federal government to be in the U.S. and can be deported for this reason alone. [8 USC 1182\(a\)\(9\)\(B\)](#)

However, some undocumented people may be eligible to avoid deportation and become documented.

also known as:
out of status
without status
entered without inspection
EWI
entered without papers
visa overstay

—“illegal”—

Who is undocumented?

ENTERED WITHOUT INSPECTION (EWI)

People who **entered without permission** from the federal government
[8 USC 1182\(a\)\(6\)\(A\)](#)

For example:

Walked over land border or arrived by boat + wasn't stopped by immigration officers

Some clients describe it as “entered without papers.”

VISA OVERSTAY

People who entered on **valid travel documents** but **overstayed** the period of time in which they were authorized to be present
[8 USC 1202\(g\)](#)

Example of common valid travel documents:
tourist visa
student visa
business visa

Documentation

Stamp in passport or I-94 Arrival/Departure Record, stating “admitted-until” date or D/S (duration of stay)

BEWARE: Some people will say they have a **10-year visa**. This does *not* authorize them to be in the U.S. for 10 years *continuously*. It only authorizes them to take multiple trips over the course of 10 years for designated periods of stay. Check documentation to see if/when their latest stay expired.

Some people may have notices from immigration (I-797, Notice of Action), including an approval notice, and still be undocumented.

Questions to Verify:

When and how did you enter the U.S.?

Have you ever had contact with immigration authorities?

- Contact with officers when entering?
- Ever applied for a visa or documented status?
- Seeing an immigration judge?

If entered on a visa, how long were you authorized to stay?

Grey Zone: Documented People

Valid Visa Holders

A valid visa holder has been admitted to the U.S. for a finite period of time after which the person must renew the visa, apply for a different status, or leave the country. [8 USC 1201\(c\)](#)

Entered the U.S. on a visa (e.g.: tourist, student, business)



Is within authorized period of stay & in compliance with terms of visa

An arrest can interfere with a client's ability to comply with the terms of his or her visa (ex: student visa holder missing classes while incarcerated).

In addition, an arrest alone can lead the federal government to revoke a valid visa, leaving the person undocumented. [8 USC 1201\(i\)](#)

Documentation

Stamp in passport or I-94 Arrival/Departure Record, stating "admitted-until" date or D/S (duration of stay)

Questions to Verify:

What type of visa do you have? (e.g.: tourist, student, business)

When does your authorized stay end [date]?

Do you have an immigration lawyer? If yes, get contact information.

WORK PERMIT IS NOT A STATUS!

When you ask about immigration status, some clients might respond, "I have a work permit." A work permit is merely a SIGN that an individual has had contact with immigration and has applied for some form of benefit.

Reasons someone might have a work permit:

- Pending application for a green card, asylum, etc.
- Proof of grant of asylum, TPS, DACA
- Ordered deported but under an order of supervision

The category code on the EAD will help an immigration lawyer figure out why a client has a work permit.

Documentation

Work permit (aka Employment Authorization Document aka EAD)

Information to verify:

- **Why do you have a work permit?**
- **Did you submit an application in connection with your work permit?**
- **A# on EAD (8- or 9-digits)**
- **Category code on EAD**
- **Dates on EAD**

Grey Zone: Documented People

For the following individuals, we describe them “documented” because **immigration authorities are aware that they are present in the United States** and have granted them a “benefit” under immigration law.

Some forms of relief below provide a pathway to a green card (and ultimately U.S. citizenship); some do not and are only a temporary agreement by the federal government not to seek physical removal.

Some people are granted documented status because of **conditions in their home country.**

Refugees/Asylees

Refugees/asylees have been granted protection in the U.S. because they have been persecuted or fear persecution in their home country because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. [8 USC 1157, 1158](#)

Refugees

→ People apply for refugee status from *outside* of the U.S.
[8 USC 1101\(a\)\(42\)](#) for definition of refugee

Asylees

- Meet the definition of refugee + apply for asylum from inside the U.S.
- Often enter the U.S. without documentation or in some other status before applying for asylum

Both refugee & asylee status provide a **pathway to a green card** after a year. [8 USC 1159\(a\)\(1\), \(b\)](#)
Refugees and asylees can work in the U.S.

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- I-94 Arrival/Departure Card, with stamp stating asylum granted or admission under section 207 of the INA
- Refugees may have a document stating that they have been “admitted as a refugee pursuant to section 207 of the INA.”
- Asylees may have a document from USCIS or DOJ stating they have been granted asylum
- Order of Immigration Judge granting asylum

Note: A work permit does not necessarily mean the client has been granted asylum. People can receive work authorization merely for APPLYING.

Grey Zone: Documented People

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

TPS is granted to people from designated countries where **conditions temporarily prevent them from returning safely** (ex: environmental disasters, armed conflict, epidemics). [8 USC 1254a](#)

How people get TPS:

Countries are designated for a limited period of time. Applicants must have resided continuously in the U.S. since their home country's designation date and must apply within the specified registration period. [8 USC 1254a\(c\)](#)
People who are undocumented may be able to become documented if they meet all eligibility criteria for TPS.

TPS must be renewed every 18 months.

Important information about TPS:

TPS is a temporary designation that allows people to live and work in the United States. However, it is **NOT a pathway to a green card** or any other immigration status.

Current status of TPS:

The Trump administration has attempted to end TPS for several countries. However, there are lawsuits seeking to preserve TPS holders' ability to continue renewing their TPS. If your client has TPS and is unsure whether TPS holders from their country are eligible to renew, go to www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status.

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

Some people become documented because they have been the **victims** of certain types of **crime, domestic violence or trafficking**.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

VAWA is a form of relief for survivors of **domestic violence**. It allows an abused spouse or child of a USC or LPR or a parent of a USC to self-petition for LPR status. [8 USC 1154\(a\)\(1\)](#)

VAWA is available to people of all genders. People who are undocumented may become documented if otherwise eligible for VAWA protection.

VAWA allows someone to live and work in the United States. It is a **pathway to a green card**.^{*} [8 USC 1255\(a\), \(c\)](#)

^{*} Step one is getting an approved VAWA self-petition. Only then can the person apply for LPR status (although not everyone with an approved VAWA self-petition is immediately eligible for a green card).

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

Grey Zone: Documented People

U Visa

U visas provide documentation to people who have been **victims of crime** in the United States.

[8 USC 1101\(a\)\(15\)\(U\)](#)

General eligibility (all 3 required):

- Victim of certain type of crime
- Suffered harm
- Was helpful to law enforcement (& law enforcement certifies this)

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

Note: the work permit for U visa recipients lasts for 4 years & can be renewed

A U visa is valid for up to four years (but may be extended). U visa recipients can live and work in the U.S. People who are undocumented may be able to become documented if they qualify for a U visa.

- It is a **pathway to a green card**. After three years of having a U visa, a person can apply to become an LPR. [8 USC 1255\(m\)](#)

T Visa

T visas provide documentation to people who have been **victims of human trafficking** (ex: trafficked into sweatshops, sex industry, domestic servitude, agricultural labor, etc.).

[8 USC 1101\(a\)\(15\)\(T\)](#)

General eligibility (all 4 required):

- Physically in U.S. on account of trafficking
 - Suffered severe form of trafficking
 - Cooperated with law enforcement (if 18 or older)
 - Will suffer extreme hardship if deported
- [8 CFR 214.11](#)

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

Note: the work permit for T visa recipients lasts for 4 years & can be renewed

A T visa is valid for up to four years (but may be extended). T visa recipients can live and work in the U.S. People who are undocumented may be able to become documented if they qualify for a T visa.

It is a **pathway to a green card**. Generally, after three years of having a T visa, a person can apply to become an LPR.

[8 USC 1255\(l\)](#)

Grey Zone: Documented People

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

DACA is a program created through an Executive Order that allows some people who came to the U.S. as children to apply for protection from deportation and permission to work. This program began in 2012 after Congress failed to pass a DREAM Act that would have provided a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers.

Important information about DACA:

Litigation filed after the Trump administration attempted to end the DACA program in September 2017 allowed people who already had DACA to renew their status. To find out the status of the DACA program, go to <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction>

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

SIJS is a classification that allows foreign born **children** in the U.S. who were **abused, abandoned or neglected by a parent** to apply for a green card. [8 USC 1101\(a\)\(27\)\(J\)](#)

Please note that an approved SIJS petition alone is not an immigration status, but makes someone eligible to apply for a green card.

Tip: People who have received SIJS have gotten required findings of fact from a court about their status as an abused, abandoned or neglected child. This may have happened in Family Court or Surrogate's Court.

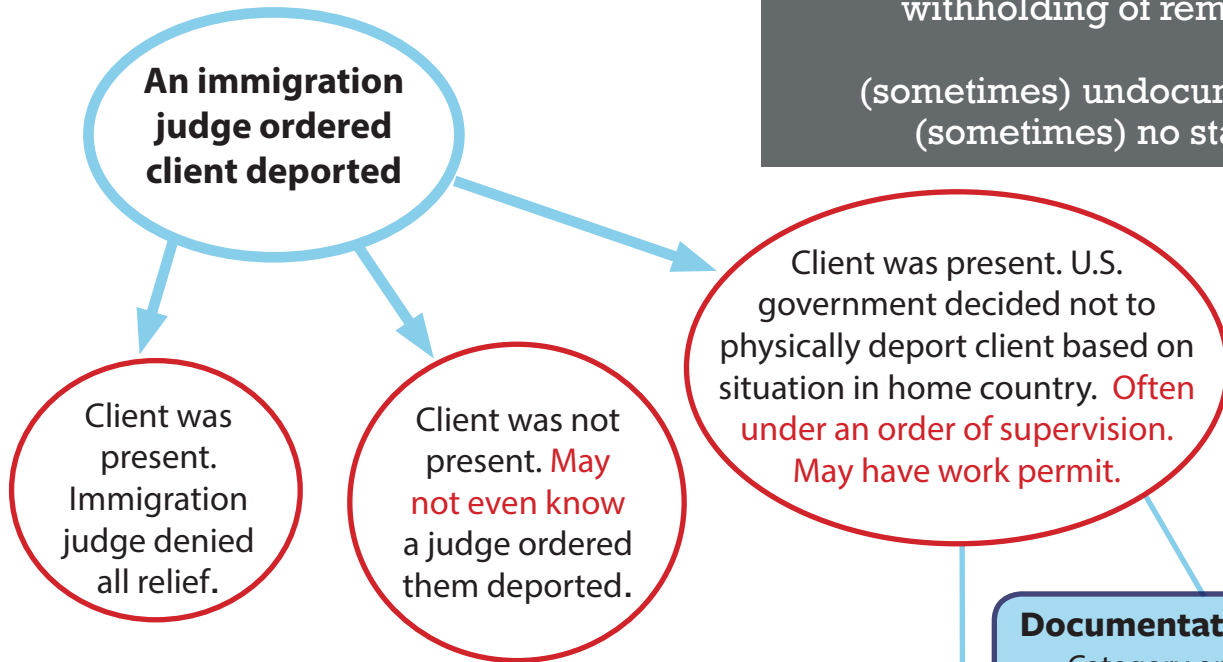
Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Receipt from application aka I-797, Notice of Action

People Ordered Deported

People who have orders of removal have been ordered to be deported by an Immigration Judge. Some people with orders of removal have been physically deported; some have not.

Common ways this happens:



also known as:
post-final order (PFO)
ordered removed
in absentia order
deferral of removal
Convention Against Torture (CAT)
withholding of removal

(sometimes) undocumented
(sometimes) no status

Important to know about people who have been ordered deported:

Depending on why they were ordered deported, they can be physically deported at any time. They **do not have a right to see an immigration judge if taken into immigration custody for removal.** 8 USC 1231(a)(5)

Some people who have been ordered deported may have a way to reopen their previous case and avoid deportation. Consult with an expert!

Questions to Verify:

What is your current status? (Beware: they may say “no status.” Ask follow-up qs.)

When were you ordered deported? How do you know this?

Why do you have a work permit?

Is your order of deportation on appeal?

Do you have to report to immigration?

Documentation

- Category on work permit
- Order of supervision
- Decision from Immigration Judge

Why might the government decide not to physically deport this person?

- Country of citizenship will not issue travel documents for client to return
- Client granted relief under Convention Against Torture (CAT) or “withholding of removal” where ordered deported but person fears torture or persecution in country of citizenship

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Alien number (A# number): A unique eight- or nine-digit number assigned by the Department of Homeland Security to people who are not U.S. citizens. This number is found on all immigration documents, including greencards, receipt notices, and ICE documents. Not all immigrant clients will have an A#.

Adjustment of status (AOS): The procedure for getting a green card and becoming an LPR while inside the United States, as opposed to “consular processing,” which is applying for a green card from abroad. AOS is available only to immigrants who fit certain eligibility criteria. The process includes fingerprinting for a criminal record and order of protection review as well as an in-person interview.

Alien: The term used in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to describe people who are not U.S. citizens.

Arrival-Departure Record/Card (Form I-94/I-94A): A white card placed in a non-USC’s passport when he or she enters the United States. Post-2013, the physical cards are not issued but the record is available online. I-94 cards are also issued with the approval of certain applications for an immigration benefit. The card indicates the immigration status under which the individual was admitted into the US, and, if applicable, how long they are authorized to stay in the US -- either with a specific date, or with a notation such as D/S (Duration of Status).

Asylees: People granted an immigration benefit (**asylum**) because they fear returning to their country of origin based on past or future persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. (see pg. 9)

B-1/B-2 non-immigrant visa: Tourist or visitor visa. Although the visa may be for a period of years, the authorized period of stay for each visit to the U.S. typically is shorter and indicated on the I-94. (see pg. 8)

BIA: Board of Immigration Appeals, the administrative court that decides appeals of decisions from Immigration Judges.

CAT: Convention Against Torture, an international treaty that provides an immigration benefit allowing individuals to remain in the U.S. if they can prove they would likely face torture upon removal to their home country. NOTE: recipients of CAT have an order of deportation that has been withheld. (see pg. 13)

CBP: Customs and Border Patrol. CBP is the agency within DHS that polices the U.S. borders and ports of entry. CBP refers people for deportation and also facilitates the removal of individuals from the U.S.

Consular processing: The procedure for getting a green card and becoming an LPR for individuals who apply from abroad. It includes fingerprinting for a criminal record and order of protection review as well as an in-person interview at an overseas U.S. embassy or consulate.

Consulate: An office of the U.S. Department of State (DOS) located overseas and affiliated with a U.S. embassy. Consulates process temporary visa applications and some green card applications.

DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, two-year protection from deportation and accompanying work-permit for certain people who came to the U.S. as children and meet other criteria. Due to the Trump administration’s attempt to terminate the program and ensuing litigation, the state of the program is in flux.(see pg. 12)

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Deferred Action: A form of prosecutorial discretion, typically based on humanitarian reasons, where DHS will agree not to remove an individual from the U.S. for a set period of time. It is determined on a case-by-case basis and does not provide long-term lawful immigration status.

DHS: Department of Homeland Security. DHS replaced the Immigration and Nationality Service (INS) in 2003 and is the umbrella agency for CBP, ICE, and USCIS.

EAD: Employment Authorization Document, also known as a “work permit.” An EAD is a card issued by USCIS on Form I-765 as proof that certain individuals are authorized to work in the US. The card contains a category code that indicates how the individual obtained work authorization.

EOIR: Executive Office of Immigration Review, which houses the immigration courts.

F-1 non-immigrant visa: Student visa, provided to an individual who has been admitted to the U.S. as a full-time student at an accredited academic institution or language training program.

Green card: Card (Form I-551) provided to LPRs as proof of permanent resident status. Although older ones have no expiration date, the majority are valid for ten years. LPR status does not terminate upon expiration of the physical card.

H-1B non-immigrant visa: A visa designed to allow U.S. employers to recruit & employ foreign professionals in specialty occupations within the U.S. for a specified period of time.

I-94: See Arrival-Departure Record/Card.

I-130: Petition for Alien Relative. An I-130 is the form that a USC or LPR uses to establish the necessary legal relationship to a relative who wishes to become an LPR. This can be the first step in adjustment of status.

I-485: Petition to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. An I-485 is the form used by an immigrant to adjust status to become an LPR. This is the second step in adjustment of status.

I-797: Notice of Action form USCIS uses to communicate with applicants or confer an immigration benefit. I-797s can indicate approval or rejection of a petition or application; receipt of payments; transfer of files; requests for evidence or fingerprints; interview and re-scheduled appointments; and information about re-opening cases.

ICE: Immigration & Customs Enforcement. ICE locates, arrests and detains removable people for deportation.

IJ: Immigration Judge. IJs preside over EOIR removal proceedings (immigration hearings/trials).

Immigration benefit: An application for an “immigration benefit” is a request to “confer, certify, change, adjust, or extend any status granted under the Immigration and Nationality Act.” See 8 USC 1572.

INA: Immigration and Nationality Act. The immigration laws of the U.S. are contained within the INA, which can be cross-referenced with the U.S. Code at Title 8.

INS: Immigration and Naturalization Service, which was abolished in 2003. Its functions are now performed by three agencies within DHS – CBP, ICE and USCIS.

Guide to Common Terms/Abbreviations

LPRs: Lawful Permanent Residents, also known green card holders, can live and work permanently in the U.S. but also can be deported. (see pg. 6)

Naturalization: The affirmative process by which an LPR applies for and becomes a USC. The process includes fingerprinting for a criminal record and order of protection review; an in-person interview; and an oath ceremony.

Non-immigrant visa (NIV): See Visa.

Refugees: People who apply from outside of the U.S. and are granted an immigration benefit because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution in their country of origin due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. (see pg. 9)

SIJS: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a self-petition that can be used as a basis for a green card application. It is for young people who were abused, abandoned or neglected by a parent. (see pg. 12)

Tourist visa: See B-1/B-2 non-immigrant visa.

TPS: Temporary Protected Status, an immigration benefit granted temporarily to individuals from designated countries where conditions -- such as a natural disaster or ongoing armed conflict -- prevent a national's safe return (see pg. X)

T visa: An immigration benefit for victims of human trafficking (see pg. 11)

USCIS: United States Citizenship & Immigration Services. USCIS processes and adjudicates affirmative applications for immigration benefits. USCIS refers removable people to ICE for deportation.

U visa: An immigration benefit for victims of certain types of crimes (see pg. 11)

VAWA: The Violence Against Womens Act grants benefits for victims of domestic violence (see pg. 10)

Visitor visa: See B-1/B-2 non-immigrant visa.

Visa: A visa allows an individual to seek entry into the U.S. on either a temporary or a permanent basis. A "non-immigrant visa" (NIV) allows an individual to come to the U.S. for a limited period of time and for a specific purpose, not to live in the U.S. permanently. Non-immigrant visas have certain classifications (e.g. student (F), visitor (B), temporary worker (H)). The Department of State (DOS) adjudicates visa applications submitted abroad. DHS and CBP officers determine admission into, length of stay and conditions of stay in, the U.S. at a port of entry. The terms of admission appear on the Arrival/Departure Record (I-94 white or I-94W green) and in his or her passport.

Withholding of removal: A form of immigration relief that allows a person to remain in the United States to avoid persecution in their country of origin. NOTE: people who have withholding of removal have orders of deportation; the physical deportation is withheld. (see pg. 13)

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PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

U.S. Birth Certificate

| CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH | | DEPARTMENT |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| FILE NUMBER 151 | | 61 |
| Type or print) | 1b. Middle Name | 1c. Last Name |
| BARACK | HUSSEIN | OBAMA, II |
| Sex: Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. If Twin or Triplet, Was Child Born | 5c. Birth Date |
| 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> | August | 4, 1961 |
| 6b. Island | | 6c. County and State |
| Honolulu | | Oahu Honolulu |
| 6d. Is Place of Birth Inside City or Town? If no, give judicial district | | 7c. Is Residence Inside City or Town? If no, give judicial district |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7e. Is Residence in same judicial district as birthplace? | | 9. Race of Father |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | African |

U.S. Passport – issued by U.S. Dept. of State



Form N-560/N-561 Certificate of Citizenship – issued to a person born outside of the U.S. who derived or acquired U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen parent



Form N-550/N-570 Certificate of Naturalization – issued to a person who became a U.S. citizen after 18 years of age through the naturalization process (Form N-550/N-570)



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FORM I-551 - PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD (Green Card)

Issued prior to August 1989 (no expiration dates & valid indefinitely)



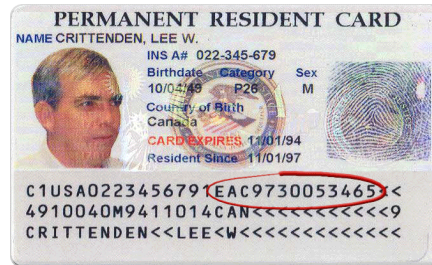
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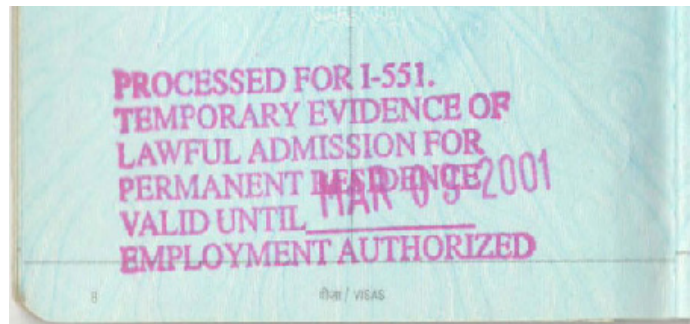
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Back of current green card

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FOREIGN PASSPORT WITH VISA & I-551 stamp indicating “temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence”



Sample I-551 stamp

Temporary I-551 printed notation will also appear on machine-readable immigrant visas

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT (EAD, “work permit”)

Issued prior to October 25, 2011



Note: Category code

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FORM I-94/I-94W - Arrival/Departure Record or Card

Departure Number OMB No. 1651-0111

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I-94
Departure Record

14. Family Name
SAMPLE

15. First (Given) Name
JANE

16. Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr)
23 03 68

17. Country of Citizenship
NEW ZEALAND

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Note: Admitted until date

FORM I-797 - Notice of Action (Receipt Notice)

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services I-797, Notice of Action

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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