

# Permanent Residency Workshop

Office of Immigration & Academic Appointments



# Permanent Residence (PR)



- ▶ Lawful permanent residents are legally accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States. They may be issued immigrant visas by the Department of State overseas or adjusted to permanent resident status by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States (USCIS)

# Two Step Process

- ▶ Step 1- Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker
- ▶ Step 2- Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

# Benefits of PR

- ▶ No restrictions on employment and no restrictions on multiple employers
- ▶ No restrictions on travel
- ▶ No restrictions on funding
- ▶ Dependents are eligible to work

# Pathways to permanent Residence

- ▶ Employment-Based
- ▶ Family-Based
- ▶ Diversity Visa Lottery (DVL)

# Family-Based

We will not discuss in depth, but is based on marriage to a US citizen, permanent resident or relation to a US citizen or permanent resident who is not your spouse.

The petitioning US citizen or permanent resident must complete Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative and the beneficiary must complete Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status.

The petitioner must submit evidence which establishes the qualifying relationship.

Forms may be filed concurrently under certain categories.

Will lead to two-year Conditional Permanent Residence (CPR) in the case of marriage. After which, the applicant may file Form I-751 to remove conditions on residence.

# Diversity Visa Lottery (DVL)

- ▶ Online registration for the DV-2018 Program will begin on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and conclude on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight. To apply, please visit the following Department of State website at which an online application may be made: [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov)
- ▶ This year, Congress has set aside 50,000 places per year for LPR status for those who send in their names and addresses and are chosen.
- ▶ Natives of only certain countries are allowed to participate. It is called a "diversity" lottery because the goal is to encourage immigration from countries and areas that may have sent few immigrants in the past.

# DVL Requirements

- ▶ A high school education or equivalent, or
- ▶ Have, within 5 years of the date they apply for the lottery, "at least 2 years of work experience in an occupation which requires at least 2 years of training or experience."
- ▶ A winner must also be otherwise admissible, e.g., be able to show that he or she has adequate means of financial support and is unlikely to become a public charge. One of the grounds of inadmissibility that is not waived by winning the lottery is the J Exchange Visitor two-year home country physical presence requirement.
- ▶ Each person may send in only one application each year.

# Countries Excluded from DVL



Bangladesh

Brazil

Canada

P.R. China

Colombia

Dominican Republic

El Salvador

Haiti

India

Mexico

Nigeria

Pakistan

Peru

the Philippines

South Korea

United Kingdom (excluding

Northern Ireland)

Vietnam

# Employment-Based

- ▶ Employer Sponsored
- ▶ Self-Petitioning

# Employer Sponsored

- ▶ Outstanding Professor Researcher (EB-1B)
- ▶ PERM

# Self-Petitioning

- ▶ Alien of Extraordinary Ability (EB-1A)
- ▶ National Interest Waiver (EB-2)

# Who should Self-Petition?

- ▶ If there is no qualifying offer of permanent employment i.e. the supervisor/employer does not agree to support the application.
- ▶ Individuals with fewer years of research experience and/or fewer awards, prizes, publications etc.

# Filing Concurrently



- ▶ Filing concurrently allows eligible applicants to file all adjustment of status forms at the same time.
- ▶ Filing concurrently reduces the amount of time USCIS will take in adjudicating immigrant benefits such as work authorization and travel authorization.

# Preference Categories

## Employment Based First Preference Category (EB-1).

- ▶ Priority Workers: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required for fourth and fifth preferences.
- ▶ Includes Aliens of Extraordinary Ability (EB-1A) and Outstanding Professor/Researcher (EB-1B).
- ▶ Generally, visa numbers in this category are always current. As long as visa numbers are current, applicants may file concurrently.

# Preference Category continued

## Employment Based Second Preference Category (EB-2).

- ▶ Members of the Professions Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required by first preference.
- ▶ This preference category includes National Interest Waiver (NIW) applicants.
- ▶ Visa numbers in this category are generally current except for individuals who are citizens of India and P.R. China.
- ▶ Individuals for whom a visa is not currently available must wait until one is available before filing Form I-485.

# Who may file concurrently?

- ▶ Applicants in the Employment Based First Preference Categories (Alien of Extraordinary Ability or Outstanding Professor/Researcher) may file concurrently.
- ▶ All Applicants in the Employment Based Second Preference Category who are not citizens of P.R. China or India may file concurrently.

# Premium processing

- ▶ Premium Processing ensures that an I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker will be adjudicated within 15 calendar days and requires an additional filing fee of \$1,225.00.
- ▶ Significantly reduces the amount of time USCIS takes in adjudicating the adjustment of status application.
- ▶ Applicants applying in the EB-1A & EB-1B categories may file under premium processing.
- ▶ Currently, premium processing is not available for applicants applying under the National Interest Waiver (NIW).

# Outstanding Professor/Researcher, Eb-1b

The Outstanding Professor/Researcher (OPR) category is employment-based, first preference category which requires that the alien must be seeking *permanent employment* at either a university, an institution of higher learning or a department, division or institute of a private employer if there are also employed at least three persons actively conducting full-time research and the alien must have achieved documented accomplishments within an academic field.

# Outstanding Prof./Researcher (OPR)

- ▶ Requires a permanent offer of employment.\*
- ▶ The university must be involved in its preparation.
- ▶ Must have one year (minimum) of service to the university.
- ▶ Applicant must have at least three years of teaching or research experience at the time of filing.
- ▶ Title at the time of application should be, at minimum, Research Associate as postdoctoral positions are considered “temporary.”
- ▶ PI must agree to support the application.

# Outstanding professor researcher (continued)

- ▶ \* Pursuant to 8 CFR 204.5 (i) (2):

“Permanent, in reference to a research position, means either tenured, tenure-track, or for a term of indefinite or unlimited duration, and in which the employee will ordinarily have an expectation of continued employment unless there is good cause for termination.”

# Definition of Postdoctoral Training

From the National Science Foundation:

“A postdoc is an individual who has received a doctoral degree (or equivalent) and is engaged in a temporary and defined period of mentored advanced training to enhance the professional skills and research independence needed to pursue his or her chosen career path.”

# National Interest Waiver (NIW)

## (EB-2)

The National Interest Waiver seeks to establish that the alien's work is in an area of substantial intrinsic merit and the benefit of the intended employment must be national in scope; and,

There is a "significant" benefit derived from the alien's participation in the "national interest" field of endeavor that "considerably outweighs" the "inherent" national interest protecting U.S. workers through the labor certification process.

The adjudicating officer may also consider whether the applicant's research will:

Improve the U.S. economy

Improve the wages and working conditions of U.S. workers

Improve education and training programs for U.S. children and underqualified U.S. workers

Improve U.S. health care

Provide more affordable housing for young and/or older, poorer U.S. residents

Improving the environment of the U.S. and making more productive use of natural resources; or

Be of interest to a U.S. government agency

# Supporting Documentation



- ▶ Detailed curriculum vitae
- ▶ Letters of recommendation
- ▶ Receipt of prizes or awards
- ▶ Membership in associations requiring outstanding achievement
- ▶ Authorship of scholarly books or articles (in scholarly journals with international circulation) in the academic field
- ▶ Evidence of work being cited by others in their own work
- ▶ Evidence of participation as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied academic field

# Sample letter of Recommendation

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Nebraska Service Center  
850 S. Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**RE: Application for Adjustment of Status as Outstanding Professor or Researcher**  
**Applicant: Dr. John SMITH**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am delighted to provide this letter in support of Dr. John Smith I-485 Application for Adjustment of Status pursuant to his qualifications as an Outstanding Professor or Researcher. Here, the individual providing this letter of support will have to provide their current job title, the name of the institution at which they work and describe how they know the applicant i.e. former colleagues, former supervisor etc. The preparer will then need to describe, briefly, their qualifications and state: *“I attach my Curriculum Vitae for your reference and I believe that, I am well-qualified to provide an opinion regarding Dr. Smith abilities which I consider outstanding.”*

In the second paragraph, the preparer should go into additional detail about their current position and research and then proceed to discuss Dr. Smith’s current research and qualifications. Citing specific examples, this paragraph should detail why Dr. Smith’s research is important and why Dr. Smith would be qualified for classification as an Outstanding Professor or Researcher.

The third, and final paragraph, should summarize briefly what was stated in the preceding paragraphs and close by saying, *“I therefore give Dr. Smith my highest recommendation and believe that based on his qualifications, experience and current research he absolutely qualifies as an Outstanding Professor or Researcher.”*

Very truly yours,

Name  
Title

# Awards and Prizes

- ▶ 8 CFR 204.5(i)(3)(i)(A) "Documentation of the alien's receipt of major prizes or awards for outstanding achievement in the academic field."
- ▶ Determine if the alien was the recipient of prizes or awards.
- ▶ The description of this type of evidence in the regulation provides that the focus must be on the alien's receipt of the major prizes or awards, as opposed to his or her employer's receipt of the prizes or awards.
- ▶ Determine whether the alien has received major prizes or awards for outstanding achievement in the academic field.
- ▶ Relevant considerations regarding whether the basis for granting the major prizes or awards for outstanding achievement in the academic field include, but are not limited to:
  - ▶ The criteria used to grant the major prizes or awards; and,
  - ▶ The number of prize recipients or awardees as well as any limitations on competitors (a prize or award limited to competitors from a single institution, for example, may not rise to the level of major).

# Membership in Associations requiring outstanding achievement

- ▶ Associations may have multiple levels of membership. The level of membership afforded to the alien must show that it requires outstanding achievements in the academic field for which classification is sought.
- ▶ Relevant factors that may lead to a conclusion that the alien's membership in the association was not based on outstanding achievements in the academic field include, but are not limited to, instances where the alien's membership was based:

Solely on a level of education or years of experience in a particular field; or,  
On the payment of a fee or by subscribing to an association's publications.

# Evidence of work being cited by others in their own work

- ▶ Pursuant to 8 CFR 204.5(i)(3)(i)(C), evidence submitted to satisfy this requirement should be, "Published material in professional publications written by others about the alien's work in the academic field. Such material shall include the title, date, and author of the material, and any necessary translation."
- ▶ Furthermore, evidence of published material in professional publications about the alien should establish the circulation (online or in print) and that the intended audience of the publication, as well as the title, date, and author of the material.

# Evidence of Participation as Judge of the Work of Others

- ▶ It must be demonstrated that you have not only been invited to judge the work of others, but also that you actually participated in the judging of the work of others in the same or allied academic field.
- ▶ Examples:

Peer reviewing for a scholarly journal, as evidenced by a request from the journal to the alien to do the review, accompanied by proof that the review was actually completed.

Serving as a member of a Ph.D. dissertation committee that makes the final judgment as to whether an individual candidate's body of work satisfies the requirements for a doctoral degree, as evidenced by departmental records.

# National Interest Waiver vs. Outstanding Prof./Res.

- ▶ The National Interest Waiver category does not require a permanent offer of employment where the Outstanding Professor Researcher category does.
- ▶ The Outstanding Professor Researcher category allows all applicants to file concurrently. In the National Interest Waiver, the ability to file concurrently depends on the applicant's country of citizenship.
- ▶ In the National Interest Waiver category, the focus is primarily on the nature of the research conducted while the Outstanding Professor Researcher category focuses more on the applicant's qualifications.

# Forms and Fees

- ▶ Premium Processing, \$1,225.00
- ▶ Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, \$700.00
- ▶ Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, \$1,225.00
- ▶ Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, \$535.00
- ▶ Form I-765, Application for Work Authorization, no fee
- ▶ Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, no fee
- ▶ Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, no fee

# Processing Times

- ▶ Current I-140 and I-485 Processing Times at USCIS Nebraska Service Center are approximately 7 months
- ▶ Where premium processing service is available, I-140 processing can be 15 calendar days
- ▶ Currently, premium processing is not available for individuals applying under the National Interest Waiver
- ▶ Processing times are available at:  
<https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/processTimesDisplayInit.do>

# Post-approval issues

- ▶ Changing employers after adjustment of status has been granted
- ▶ Confirmation of Bona Fide Job Offer or Request for Portability under INA Section 204(j)
- ▶ Abandonment of permanent residence
- ▶ USCIS in-person interviews

# Change of Employer

- ▶ USCIS maintains that if an I-485 application has been submitted and unadjudicated for 180 days or more, the I-140 remains valid even if there is a change of employers.
- ▶ The beneficiary, however, must ensure that the new position is in the same or similar occupational classification.
- ▶ Beginning January 17, 2017, the beneficiary must complete and submit to USCIS Form I-485, Supplement J to establish that the new position is the same or similar to the position on which the approved I-140 was based.

# Abandoning Permanent Residence

- ▶ An absence from the United States of one year or more can lead to a more or less automatic determination that lawful permanent residence has been abandoned, unless it can be shown that the protracted absence was caused by reasons beyond his or her control and for which he or she was not responsible, and that there was no intention of abandoning permanent residence.
- ▶ LPRs who spend substantial amounts of time abroad believe that all they have to do to maintain their LPR status is to make sure they enter the United States at least every six months. The length of time spent abroad on any single trip is not the only basis for determining whether or not an LPR has abandoned the intention to reside permanently in the United States. DHS will also look to the "totality of the circumstances" when deciding if an LPR continues to reside here permanently.
- ▶ LPRs who will be absent from the United States for extended periods of time should apply for a re-entry permit (Form I-131).

# USCIS In-Person Interviews



- ▶ Effective October 1, 2017, USCIS has begun conducting in-person interviews with all applicants for employment-based adjustment of status.
- ▶ Interviews are intended to provide USCIS officers with the opportunity to verify information provided in an individual's application, discover new information that may be relevant to the adjudication process, and to determine the credibility of the individual seeking permanent residence in the United States.

# Sample Forms





# Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-140  
OMB No. 1615-0015  
Expires 04/30/2018

For USCIS Use Only	Fee Stamp	Priority Date	Consulate	Action Block
	<b>Classification</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(1)(A) Alien of Extraordinary Ability <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(1)(B) Outstanding Professor or Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(1)(C) Multinational Executive or Manager <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(2) Member of Professions with Advanced Degree/Exceptional Ability <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(3)(A)(i) Skilled Worker <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(3)(A)(ii) Professional <input type="checkbox"/> 203(b)(3)(A)(iii) Other Worker		<b>Certification</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Interest Waiver (NIW) <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule A, Group I <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule A, Group II	
Remarks				

▶ **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.**

### Part 1. Information About the Person or Organization Filing This Petition (If an individual is filing, use numbers 1.a. - 1.c. If a Company or Organization is filing, use number 2).

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2. Company or Organization Name

#### Mailing Address

5.a. In Care of Name

5.b. Street Number and Name

5.c. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

5.d. City or Town

5.e. State

5.f. Zip Code

5.g. Postal Code

5.h. Province

5.i. Country

#### Other Information

3. IRS Tax Number  
*must be 9 digits; no dashes* ▶

4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)  
*must be 9 digits; no dashes* ▶

### Part 2. Petition Type

This petition is being filed for: (Select only one box):

- 1.a.  An alien of extraordinary ability.
- 1.b.  An outstanding professor or researcher.
- 1.c.  A multinational executive or manager.
- 1.d.  A member of the professions holding an advanced degree or an alien of exceptional ability (who is NOT seeking a National Interest Waiver).
- 1.e.  A professional (at a minimum, possessing a bachelor's degree or a foreign degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree).
- 1.f.  A skilled worker (requiring at least 2 years of specialized training or experience).

- 1.g.  Any other worker (requiring less than 2 years of training or experience).
- 1.h.  (Reserved)
- 1.i.  An alien applying for a National Interest Waiver (who IS a member of the professions holding an advanced degree or an alien of exceptional ability).

Check below if this petition is being filed:

- 2.a.  To amend a previously filed petition.  
Previous Petition Receipt Number:  
▶
- 2.b.  For the Schedule A, Group I or II designation.

**Part 3. Information About the Person for Whom You Are Filing**

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

**Mailing Address**

2.a. In Care of Name

2.b. Street Number and Name

2.c. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

2.d. City or Town

2.e. State  2.f. Zip Code

2.g. Postal Code

2.h. Province

2.i. Country

**Other Information**

3. E-mail Address (if any)

4. Daytime Phone Number (  )  -

5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

6. City/Town/Village of Birth

7. State/Province of Birth

8. Country of Birth

9. Country of Citizenship

10. Country of Nationality

11. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) ▶ A-

12. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)   
 must be 9 digits; no dashes ▶

If in the United States, please provide the following (complete all sections, as applicable):

13. Date of Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

14.a. I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number: ▶

14.b. Passport Number

14.c. Travel Document Number

14.d. Country of Issuance for Passport or Travel Document

14.e. Expiration Date for Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

15. Current Nonimmigrant Status

16. Date Status Expires: (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

**Part 4. Processing Information**

Complete the following for the person named in Part 3: (Check one)

1.a.  Alien will apply for a visa abroad at a U.S. Embassy or consulate at:  
 City or Town   
 Country

1.b.  Alien is in the United States and will apply for adjustment of status to that of lawful permanent resident.  
 Alien's country of current residence or, if now in the United States, last country of permanent residence abroad.

**Part 4. Processing Information (continued)**

If you provided a United States address in Part 3, provide the person's foreign address:

- 2.a. Street Number and Name
- 2.b. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 2.c. City or Town
- 2.d. Postal Code
- 2.e. Province
- 2.f. Country

If the person's native alphabet is other than Roman letters, write the person's foreign name and address in the native alphabet:

- 3.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 3.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 3.c. Middle Name

**Mailing Address**

- 3.d. Street Number and Name
- 3.e. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 3.f. City or Town
- 3.g. Postal Code
- 3.h. Province
- 3.i. Country

- 4. Are any other petition(s) or application(s) being filed with this Form I-140?  Yes  No

If you answered "Yes," check any applicable boxes:

- Form I-485
  - Form I-131
  - Form I-765
  - Other-Attach an explanation
- 5. Is the person for whom you are filing in removal proceedings?  Yes - Attach an explanation  No
  - 6. Has any immigrant visa petition ever been filed by or on behalf of this person?  Yes - Attach an explanation  No
  - 7. Is the petition being filed without an original labor certification because the original labor certification was previously submitted in support of another Form I-140?  Yes - Attach an explanation  No
  - 8. If the petition is being filed without an original labor certification, are you requesting that USCIS request a duplicate labor certification from the Department of Labor?  Yes - Attach an explanation  No

If you answered "Yes" to any of questions 4 through 8, provide the case number, office location, date of decision, and disposition of the decision on a separate sheet of paper.

**Part 5. Additional Information About the Petitioner**

Type of petitioner (Select only one box):

- 1.a.  Employer
- 1.b.  Self
- 1.c.  Other (Explain, e.g., Permanent Resident, U.S. citizen or any other person filing on behalf of the alien)

If a company, give the following:

- 2.a. Type of Business
- 2.b. Date Established (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

- 2.c. Current Number of U.S. Employees
- 2.d. Gross Annual Income
- 2.e. Net Annual Income
- 2.f. NAICS Code ▶
- 2.g. Labor Certification DOL/ETA Case Number

**Part 5. Additional Information About the Petitioner (continued)**

2.h. Labor Certification DOL/ETA Filing Date

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶ 

2.i. Labor Certification Expiration Date

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶ 

If an individual, give following:

3.a. Occupation

3.b. Annual Income

**Part 6. Basic Information About the Proposed Employment**1. Job Title 2. SOC Code ▶  - 

3. Nontechnical Description of Job

  
  
4. Is this a full-time position?  Yes  No

5. If the answer to Number 4 is "No," how many hours per week for the position?

6. Is this a permanent position?  Yes  No7. Is this a new position?  Yes  No8. Wages: \$  per 

(Specify hour, week, month, or year)

Address where the person will work if different from address in Part 1.

9.a. Street Number and Name 9.b. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.  9.c. City or Town 9.d. State  9.e. Zip Code **Part 7. Information on Spouse and All Children of the Person for Whom You Are Filing**

List husband/wife and all children related to the individual for whom the petition is being filed. Also, note if the individual will be applying for a visa abroad or for adjustment of status as the dependent of the individual for whom the petition is filed. Provide an attachment of additional family members, if needed.

**Person 1**1.a. Family Name (Last Name) 1.b. Given Name (First Name) 1.c. Middle Name 1.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶ 1.e. Country of Birth 1.f. Relationship 1.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No1.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No**Person 2**2.a. Family Name (Last Name) 2.b. Given Name (First Name) 2.c. Middle Name 2.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶ 2.e. Country of Birth 2.f. Relationship 2.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No2.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No

**Part 7. Information on Spouse and All Children of the Person for Whom You Are Filing (continued)**

**Person 3**

- 3.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 3.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 3.c. Middle Name
- 3.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
- 3.e. Country of Birth
- 3.f. Relationship
- 3.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No
- 3.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No

**Person 4**

- 4.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 4.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 4.c. Middle Name
- 4.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
- 4.e. Country of Birth
- 4.f. Relationship
- 4.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No
- 4.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No

**Person 5**

- 5.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 5.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 5.c. Middle Name
- 5.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
- 5.e. Country of Birth
- 5.f. Relationship
- 5.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No
- 5.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No

**Person 6**

- 6.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 6.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 6.c. Middle Name
- 6.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
- 6.e. Country of Birth
- 6.f. Relationship
- 6.g. Applying for Adjustment of Status?  Yes  No
- 6.h. Applying for Visa Abroad?  Yes  No

**Part 8. Signature of Petitioner**

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this petition and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. I authorize U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to release to other government agencies any information from my USCIS records, if USCIS determines that such action is necessary to determine eligibility for the benefit sought.

- 1.a. Signature of Petitioner  
▶  **Don't forget to sign!**
- 1.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

2. Daytime Phone Number (  )  -
3. Mobile Phone Number (  )  -
4. E-mail Address (if any)
5. Job Title of Position with Petitioning Employer, If the Petition Is Being Filed by an Employer

**NOTE:** If you do not fully complete this form or fail to submit the required documents listed in the instructions, a final decision on your petition may be delayed or the petition may be denied.

**Part 9. Signature of Person Preparing This Petition, If Other Than the Petitioner**

1. Attorney or Representative: In the event of a Request for Evidence (RFE), may USCIS contact you by e-mail?

Yes  No

**Preparer's Full Name**

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

2.a. Preparer's Family Name (*Last Name*)

2.b. Preparer's Given Name (*First Name*)

3. Preparer's Business or Organization Name

**Preparer's Contact Information**

4. Preparer's Daytime Phone Number                      Extension  
()  -                      

5. Preparer's E-mail Address (*if any*)

**Preparer's Mailing Address**

6.a. Street Number and Name

6.b. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

6.c. City or Town

6.d. State  6.e. Zip Code

6.f. Postal Code

6.g. Province

6.h. Country

**Declaration**

To be completed by all preparers, including attorneys and authorized representatives: I declare that I prepared this petition at the request of the petitioner, that it is based on all the information of which I have knowledge, and that the information is true to the best of my knowledge.

7.a. Signature of Preparer

7.b. Date of Signature (*mm/dd/yyyy*) ▶



# Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-485  
OMB No. 1615-0023  
Expires 06/30/2019

## For USCIS Use Only

Preference Category:	Receipt	Action Block
Country Chargeable:		
Priority Date:		
Date Form I-693 Received:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Interviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Waived Date of Initial Interview: _____ Lawful Permanent Resident as of: _____	Section of Law <input type="checkbox"/> INA 209(a) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 209(b) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(a) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(i) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(m)	<input type="checkbox"/> INA 249 <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 13, Act of 9/11/57 <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban Adjustment Act <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

### To be completed by an attorney or accredited representative (if any).

<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.	Volag Number (if any) _____	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) _____	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) _____
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▶ **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.**

A-Number ▶ A- \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:** If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may deny your application.

### Part 1. Information About You (Person applying for lawful permanent residence)

*Your Current Legal Name (do not provide a nickname)*

1.a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

1.b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

1.c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Other Names You Have Used Since Birth (if applicable)*

**NOTE:** Provide all other names you have ever used, including your family name at birth, other legal names, nicknames, aliases, and assumed names. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

2.a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

2.b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

2.c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

3.a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

3.b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

3.c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

4.a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

4.b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

4.c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Information About You

5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** In addition to providing your actual date of birth, include any other dates of birth you have used in connection with any legal names or non-legal names in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

6. Sex  Male  Female

7. City or Town of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1. Information About You** (Person applying for lawful permanent residence) (continued)

8. Country of Birth
9. Country of Citizenship or Nationality
10. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)  
▶ A-
- NOTE:** If you have EVER used other A-Numbers, include the additional A-Numbers in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**
11. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)  
▶
12. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)  
▶

**U.S. Mailing Address**

- 13.a. In Care Of Name (if any)
- 13.b. Street Number and Name
- 13.c.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 13.d. City or Town
- 13.e. State  13.f. ZIP Code

**Alternate and/or Safe Mailing Address**

If you are applying based on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) or as a special immigrant juvenile, human trafficking victim (T nonimmigrant), or victim of a qualifying crime (U nonimmigrant) and you do not want USCIS to send notices about this application to your home, you may provide an alternative and/or safe mailing address.

- 14.a. In Care Of Name (if any)
- 14.b. Street Number and Name
- 14.c.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 14.d. City or Town
- 14.e. State  14.f. ZIP Code

**Recent Immigration History**

Provide the information for **Item Numbers 15. - 19.** if you last entered the United States using a passport or travel document.

15. Passport Number Used at Last Arrival
16. Travel Document Number Used at Last Arrival
17. Expiration Date of this Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)
18. Country that Issued this Passport or Travel Document
19. Nonimmigrant Visa Number from this Passport (if any)

Place of Last Arrival into the United States

- 20.a. City or Town
- 20.b. State
21. Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy)

When I last arrived in the United States, I:

- 22.a.  Was inspected at a port of entry and admitted as (for example, exchange visitor; visitor, waived through; temporary worker; student):
- 22.b.  Was inspected at a port of entry and paroled as (for example, humanitarian parole, Cuban parole):
- 22.c.  Came into the United States without admission or parole.
- 22.d.  Other:

If you were issued a Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number:

- 23.a. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number  
▶
- 23.b. Expiration Date of Authorized Stay Shown on Form I-94 (mm/dd/yyyy)
- 23.c. Status on Form I-94 (for example, class of admission, or paroled, if paroled)

**Part 1. Information About You** (Person applying for lawful permanent residence) (continued)

24. What is your current immigration status (if it has changed since your arrival)?

Provide your name exactly as it appears on your Form I-94 (if any)

25.a. Family Name (Last Name)

25.b. Given Name (First Name)

25.c. Middle Name

**Part 2. Application Type or Filing Category**

**NOTE:** Attach a copy of the Form I-797 receipt or approval notice for the underlying petition or application, as appropriate.

**I am applying** to register lawful permanent residence or adjust status to that of a lawful permanent resident based on the following immigrant category (select **only one** box). (See the Form I-485 Instructions for more information, including any **Additional Instructions** that relate to the immigrant category you select.):

**1.a. Family-based**

- Immediate relative of a U.S. citizen, Form I-130
- Other relative of a U.S. citizen or relative of a lawful permanent resident under the family-based preference categories, Form I-130
- Person admitted to the United States as a fiancé(e) or child of a fiancé(e) of a U.S. citizen, Form I-129F (K-1/K-2 Nonimmigrant)
- Widow or widower of a U.S. citizen, Form I-360
- VAWA self-petitioner, Form I-360

**1.b. Employment-based**

- Alien worker, Form I-140
- Alien entrepreneur, Form I-526

**1.c. Special Immigrant**

- Religious worker, Form I-360
- Special immigrant juvenile, Form I-360
- Certain Afghan or Iraqi national, Form I-360
- Certain international broadcaster, Form I-360
- Certain G-4 international organization or family member or NATO-6 employee or family member, Form I-360

**1.d. Asylee or Refugee**

- Asylum status (INA section 208), Form I-589 or Form I-730
- Refugee status (INA section 207), Form I-590 or Form I-730

**1.e. Human Trafficking Victim or Crime Victim**

- Human trafficking victim (T Nonimmigrant), Form I-914 or derivative family member, Form I-914A
- Crime victim (U Nonimmigrant), Form I-918, derivative family member, Form I-918A, or qualifying family member, Form I-929

**1.f. Special Programs Based on Certain Public Laws**

- The Cuban Adjustment Act
- The Cuban Adjustment Act for battered spouses and children
- Dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act
- Dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act for battered spouses and children
- Lautenberg Parolees
- Diplomats or high ranking officials unable to return home (Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957)
- Indochinese Parole Adjustment Act of 2000

**1.g. Additional Options**

- Diversity Visa program
- Continuous residence in the United States since before January 1, 1972 ("Registry")
- Individual born in the United States under diplomatic status
- Other eligibility

2. Are you applying for adjustment based on the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 245(i)?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 2**, you must have selected a family-based, employment-based, special immigrant, or Diversity Visa immigrant category listed above in **Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.g.** as the basis for your application for adjustment of status. Fill out the rest of this application **and** Supplement A to Form I-485, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i) (Supplement A). For detailed filing instructions, read the Form I-485 Instructions (including any **Additional Instructions** that relate to the immigrant category that you selected in **Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.g.**) and Supplement A Instructions.

**Part 2. Application Type or Filing Category**  
(continued)

**Information About Your Immigrant Category**

If you are the **principal applicant**, provide the following information.

3. Receipt Number of Underlying Petition (if any)
4. Priority Date from Underlying Petition (if any)  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

If you are a **derivative applicant** (the spouse or unmarried child under 21 years of age of a principal applicant), provide the following information for the **principal applicant**.

Principal Applicant's Name

- 5.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 5.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 5.c. Middle Name
6. Principal Applicant's A-Number (if any)  
▶ A-
7. Principal Applicant's Date of Birth  
(mm/dd/yyyy)
8. Receipt Number of Principal's Underlying Petition (if any)  
▶
9. Priority Date of Principal Applicant's Underlying Petition  
(if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 3. Additional Information About You**

1. Have you ever applied for an immigrant visa to obtain permanent resident status at a U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate abroad?  Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, complete **Item Numbers 2.a. - 4.** below. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

Location of U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate

- 2.a. City
- 2.b. Country

3. Decision (for example, approved, refused, denied, withdrawn)

4. Date of Decision (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Address History**

Provide physical addresses for everywhere you have lived during the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. Provide your current address first. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

Physical Address 1 (current address)

- 5.a. Street Number and Name
- 5.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 5.c. City or Town
- 5.d. State  5.e. ZIP Code
- 5.f. Province
- 5.g. Postal Code
- 5.h. Country

Dates of Residence

- 6.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)
- 6.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Physical Address 2

- 7.a. Street Number and Name
- 7.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 7.c. City or Town
- 7.d. State  7.e. ZIP Code
- 7.f. Province
- 7.g. Postal Code
- 7.h. Country

**Part 3. Additional Information About You**  
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Dates of Residence

8.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

8.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Provide your most recent address outside the United States where you lived for more than one year (if not already listed above).

9.a. Street Number and Name

9.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

9.c. City or Town

9.d. State  9.e. ZIP Code

9.f. Province

9.g. Postal Code

9.h. Country

Dates of Residence

10.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

10.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Employment History**

Provide your employment history for the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. Provide the most recent employment first. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information**.

Employer 1 (current or most recent)

11. Name of Employer or Company

Address of Employer or Company

12.a. Street Number and Name

12.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

12.c. City or Town

12.d. State  12.e. ZIP Code

12.f. Province

12.g. Postal Code

12.h. Country

13. Your Occupation

Dates of Employment

14.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

14.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Employer 2

15. Name of Employer or Company

Address of Employer or Company

16.a. Street Number and Name

16.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

16.c. City or Town

16.d. State  16.e. ZIP Code

16.f. Province

16.g. Postal Code

16.h. Country

17. Your Occupation

Dates of Employment

18.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

18.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 3. Additional Information About You**  
(continued)

Provide your most recent employment outside of the United States (if not already listed above).

19. Name of Employer or Company

Address of Employer or Company

20.a. Street Number and Name

20.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

20.c. City or Town

20.d. State

20.e. ZIP Code

20.f. Province

20.g. Postal Code

20.h. Country

21. Your Occupation

Dates of Employment

22.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

22.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 4. Information About Your Parents**

**Information About Your Parent 1**

Parent 1's Legal Name

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

Parent 1's Name at Birth (if different than above)

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

4. Sex  Male  Female

5. City or Town of Birth

6. Country of Birth

7. Current City or Town of Residence (if living)

8. Current Country of Residence (if living)

**Information About Your Parent 2**

Parent 2's Legal Name

9.a. Family Name (Last Name)

9.b. Given Name (First Name)

9.c. Middle Name

Parent 2's Name at Birth (if different than above)

10.a. Family Name (Last Name)

10.b. Given Name (First Name)

10.c. Middle Name

11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

12. Sex  Male  Female

13. City or Town of Birth

14. Country of Birth

15. Current City or Town of Residence (if living)

16. Current Country of Residence (if living)

**Part 5. Information About Your Marital History**

1. What is your current marital status?
- Single, Never Married    Married    Divorced
- Widowed    Marriage Annulled
- Legally Separated
2. If you are married, is your spouse a current member of the U.S. armed forces or U.S. Coast Guard?
- N/A    Yes    No
3. How many times have you been married (including annulled marriages and marriages to the same person)?
- 

**Information About Your Current Marriage**  
*(including if you are legally separated)*

If you are currently married, provide the following information about your current spouse.

Current Spouse's Legal Name

- 4.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 4.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 4.c. Middle Name
5. A-Number (if any)
- ▶ A-
6. Current Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
7. Date of Marriage to Current Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy)

Current Spouse's Place of Birth

- 8.a. City or Town
- 8.b. State or Province
- 8.c. Country

Place of Marriage to Current Spouse

- 9.a. City or Town
- 9.b. State or Province
- 9.c. Country
10. Is your current spouse applying with you?  Yes    No

**Information About Prior Marriages (if any)**

If you have been married before, whether in the United States or in any other country, provide the following information about your prior spouse. If you have had more than one previous marriage, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information** to provide the information below.

Prior Spouse's Legal Name (provide family name before marriage)

- 11.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 11.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 11.c. Middle Name
12. Prior Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
13. Date of Marriage to Prior Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Marriage to Prior Spouse

- 14.a. City or Town
- 14.b. State or Province
- 14.c. Country
15. Date Marriage with Prior Spouse Legally Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 5. Information About Your Marital History**  
(continued)

Place Where Marriage with Prior Spouse Legally Ended

16.a. City or Town

16.b. State or Province

16.c. Country

**Part 6. Information About Your Children**

1. Indicate the total number of ALL living children (including adult sons and daughters) that you have.

**NOTE:** The term "children" includes all biological or legally adopted children, as well as current stepchildren, of any age, whether born in the United States or other countries, married or unmarried, living with you or elsewhere and includes any missing children and those born to you outside of marriage.

Provide the following information for each of your children. If you have more than three children, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

Child 1

Current Legal Name

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3. A-Number (if any)

▶ A-

4. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

5. Country of Birth

6. Is this child applying with you?

Yes  No

Child 2

Current Legal Name

7.a. Family Name (Last Name)

7.b. Given Name (First Name)

7.c. Middle Name

8. A-Number (if any)

▶ A-

9. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

10. Country of Birth

11. Is this child applying with you?

Yes  No

Child 3

Current Legal Name

12.a. Family Name (Last Name)

12.b. Given Name (First Name)

12.c. Middle Name

13. A-Number (if any)

▶ A-

14. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

15. Country of Birth

16. Is this child applying with you?

Yes  No

**Part 7. Biographic Information**

1. Ethnicity (Select **only one** box)

- Hispanic or Latino  
 Not Hispanic or Latino

2. Race (Select **all applicable** boxes)

- White  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander



**Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility  
Grounds (continued)**

Answer **Item Numbers 14. - 80.b.** Choose the answer that you think is correct. If you answer "Yes" to any questions (or if you answer "No," but are unsure of your answer), provide an explanation of the events and circumstances in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information**.

14. Have you **EVER** been denied admission to the United States?  Yes  No
15. Have you **EVER** been denied a visa to the United States?  Yes  No
16. Have you **EVER** worked in the United States without authorization?  Yes  No
17. Have you **EVER** violated the terms or conditions of your nonimmigrant status?  Yes  No
18. Are you presently or have you **EVER** been in removal, exclusion, rescission, or deportation proceedings?  Yes  No
19. Have you **EVER** been issued a final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal?  Yes  No
20. Have you **EVER** had a prior final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal reinstated?  Yes  No
21. Have you **EVER** held lawful permanent resident status which was later rescinded?  Yes  No
22. Have you **EVER** been granted voluntary departure by an immigration officer or an immigration judge but failed to depart within the allotted time?  Yes  No
23. Have you **EVER** applied for any kind of relief or protection from removal, exclusion, or deportation?  Yes  No
- 24.a. Have you **EVER** been a J nonimmigrant exchange visitor who was subject to the two-year foreign residence requirement?  Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 24.a.**, complete **Item Numbers 24.b. - 24.c.** If you answered "No" to **Item Number 24.a.**, skip to **Item Number 25.**

- 24.b. Have you complied with the foreign residence requirement?  Yes  No
- 24.c. Have you been granted a waiver or has Department of State issued a favorable waiver recommendation letter for you?  Yes  No

**Criminal Acts and Violations**

For **Item Numbers 25. - 45.**, you must answer "Yes" to any question that applies to you, even if your records were sealed or otherwise cleared, or even if anyone, including a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that you no longer have a record. You must also answer "Yes" to the following questions whether the action or offense occurred here in the United States or anywhere else in the world. If you answer "Yes" to **Item Numbers 25. - 45.**, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information** to provide an explanation that includes why you were arrested, cited, detained, or charged; where you were arrested, cited, detained, or charged; when (date) the event occurred; and the outcome or disposition (for example, no charges filed, charges dismissed, jail, probation, community service).

25. Have you **EVER** been arrested, cited, charged, or detained for any reason by any law enforcement official (including but not limited to any U.S. immigration official or any official of the U.S. armed forces or U.S. Coast Guard)?  Yes  No
26. Have you **EVER** committed a crime of any kind (even if you were not arrested, cited, charged with, or tried for that crime)?  Yes  No
27. Have you **EVER** pled guilty to or been convicted of a crime or offense (even if the violation was subsequently expunged or sealed by a court, or if you were granted a pardon, amnesty, a rehabilitation decree, or other act of clemency)?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If you were the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, a rehabilitation decree, or other act of clemency, provide documentation of that post-conviction action.

28. Have you **EVER** been ordered punished by a judge or had conditions imposed on you that restrained your liberty (such as a prison sentence, suspended sentence, house arrest, parole, alternative sentencing, drug or alcohol treatment, rehabilitative programs or classes, probation, or community service)?  Yes  No
29. Have you **EVER** been a defendant or the accused in a criminal proceeding (including pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or any withheld adjudication)?  Yes  No
30. Have you **EVER** violated (or attempted or conspired to violate) any controlled substance law or regulation of a state, the United States, or a foreign country?  Yes  No

**Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)**

31. Have you **EVER** been convicted of two or more offenses (other than purely political offenses) for which the combined sentences to confinement were five years or more?  Yes  No
32. Have you **EVER** illicitly (illegally) trafficked or benefited from the trafficking of any controlled substances, such as chemicals, illegal drugs, or narcotics?  Yes  No
33. Have you **EVER** knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded in the illicit trafficking of any illegal narcotic or other controlled substances?  Yes  No
34. Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of a foreign national who illicitly trafficked or aided (or otherwise abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded) in the illicit trafficking of a controlled substance, such as chemicals, illegal drugs, or narcotics and you obtained, within the last five years, any financial or other benefit from the illegal activity of your spouse or parent, although you knew or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit resulted from the illicit activity of your spouse or parent?  Yes  No
35. Have you **EVER** engaged in prostitution or are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution?  Yes  No
36. Have you **EVER** directly or indirectly procured (or attempted to procure) or imported prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution?  Yes  No
37. Have you **EVER** received any proceeds or money from prostitution?  Yes  No
38. Do you intend to engage in illegal gambling or any other form of commercialized vice, such as prostitution, bootlegging, or the sale of child pornography, while in the United States?  Yes  No
39. Have you **EVER** exercised immunity (diplomatic or otherwise) to avoid being prosecuted for a criminal offense in the United States?  Yes  No
40. Have you **EVER**, while serving as a foreign government official, been responsible for or directly carried out violations of religious freedoms?  Yes  No
41. Have you **EVER** induced by force, fraud, or coercion (or otherwise been involved in) the trafficking of persons for commercial sex acts?  Yes  No

42. Have you **EVER** trafficked a person into involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery? Trafficking includes recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.  Yes  No
43. Have you **EVER** knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded with others in trafficking persons for commercial sex acts or involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery?  Yes  No
44. Are you the spouse, son or daughter of a foreign national who engaged in the trafficking of persons and have received or obtained, within the last five years, any financial or other benefits from the illicit activity of your spouse or your parent, although you knew or reasonably should have known that this benefit resulted from the illicit activity of your spouse or parent?  Yes  No
45. Have you **EVER** engaged in money laundering or have you **EVER** knowingly aided, assisted, conspired, or colluded with others in money laundering or do you seek to enter the United States to engage in such activity?  Yes  No

***Security and Related***

Do you intend to:

- 46.a. Engage in any activity that violates or evades any law relating to espionage (including spying) or sabotage in the United States?  Yes  No
- 46.b. Engage in any activity in the United States that violates or evades any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information?  Yes  No
- 46.c. Engage in any activity whose purpose includes opposing, controlling, or overthrowing the U.S. Government by force, violence, or other unlawful means while in the United States?  Yes  No
- 46.d. Engage in any activity that could endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States?  Yes  No
- 46.e. Engage in any other unlawful activity?  Yes  No
47. Are you engaged in or, upon your entry into the United States, do you intend to engage in any activity that could have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States?  Yes  No

**Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility  
Grounds (continued)**

Have you **EVER**:

**48.a.** Committed, threatened to commit, attempted to commit, conspired to commit, incited, endorsed, advocated, planned, or prepared any of the following: hijacking, sabotage, kidnapping, political assassination, or use of a weapon or explosive to harm another individual or cause substantial damage to property?  Yes  No

**48.b.** Participated in, or been a member of, a group or organization that did any of the activities described in **Item Number 48.a.**?  Yes  No

**48.c.** Recruited members or asked for money or things of value for a group or organization that did any of the activities described in **Item Number 48.a.**?  Yes  No

**48.d.** Provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support for any of the activities described in **Item Number 48.a.**?  Yes  No

**48.e.** Provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support for an individual, group, or organization who did any of the activities described in **Item Number 48.a.**?  Yes  No

**49.** Have you **EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training?  Yes  No

**50.** Do you intend to engage in any of the activities listed in any part of **Item Numbers 48.a. - 49.**?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If you answered "Yes" to any part of **Item Numbers 46.a. - 50.**, explain what you did, including the dates and location of the circumstances, or what you intend to do in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

Are you the spouse or child of an individual who **EVER**:

**51.a.** Committed, threatened to commit, attempted to commit, conspired to commit, incited, endorsed, advocated, planned, or prepared any of the following: hijacking, sabotage, kidnapping, political assassination, or use of a weapon or explosive to harm another individual or cause substantial damage to property?  Yes  No

**51.b.** Participated in, or been a member or a representative of a group or organization that did any of the activities described in **Item Number 51.a.**?  Yes  No

**51.c.** Recruited members, or asked for money or things of value, for a group or organization that did any of the activities described in **Item Number 51.a.**?  Yes  No

**51.d.** Provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support for any of the activities described in **Item Number 51.a.**?  Yes  No

**51.e.** Provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support to an individual, group, or organization who did any of the activities described in **Item Number 51.a.**?  Yes  No

**51.f.** Received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training from a group or organization that did any of the activities described in **Item Number 51.a.**?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If you answered "Yes" to any part of **Item Number 51.**, explain the relationship and what occurred, including the dates and location of the circumstances, in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

**52.** Have you **EVER** assisted or participated in selling, providing, or transporting weapons to any person who, to your knowledge, used them against another person?  Yes  No

**53.** Have you **EVER** worked, volunteered, or otherwise served in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons?  Yes  No

**54.** Have you **EVER** been a member of, assisted, or participated in any group, unit, or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so?  Yes  No

**55.** Have you **EVER** served in, been a member of, assisted, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerilla group, militia, insurgent organization, or any other armed group?  Yes  No

**56.** Have you **EVER** been a member of, or in any way affiliated with, the Communist Party or any other totalitarian party (in the United States or abroad)?  Yes  No

**57.** During the period from March 23, 1933 to May 8, 1945, did you ever order, incite, assist, or otherwise participate in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion, in association with either the Nazi government of Germany or any organization or government associated or allied with the Nazi government of Germany?  Yes  No

**Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)**

Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:

- 58.a. Acts involving torture or genocide?  Yes  No
- 58.b. Killing any person?  Yes  No
- 58.c. Intentionally and severely injuring any person?  
 Yes  No
- 58.d. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who did not consent or was unable to consent, or was being forced or threatened?  Yes  No
- 58.e. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs?  Yes  No
59. Have you **EVER** recruited, enlisted, conscripted, or used any person under 15 years of age to serve in or help an armed force or group?  Yes  No
60. Have you **EVER** used any person under 15 years of age to take part in hostilities, or to help or provide services to people in combat?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If you answered "Yes" to any part of **Item Numbers 52. - 60.**, explain what occurred, including the dates and location of the circumstances, in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

**Public Assistance**

61. Have you received public assistance in the United States from any source, including the U.S. Government or any state, county, city, or municipality (other than emergency medical treatment)?  Yes  No
62. Are you likely to receive public assistance in the future in the United States from any source, including the U.S. Government or any state, county, city, or municipality (other than emergency medical treatment)?  Yes  No

**Illegal Entries and Other Immigration Violations**

- 63.a. Have you **EVER** failed or refused to attend or to remain in attendance at any removal proceeding filed against you on or after April 1, 1997?  Yes  No
- 63.b. If your answer to **Item Number 63.a.** is "Yes," do you believe you had reasonable cause?  Yes  No

- 63.c. If your answer to **Item Number 63.b.** is "Yes," attach a written statement explaining why you had reasonable cause.
64. Have you **EVER** submitted fraudulent or counterfeit documentation to any U.S. Government official to obtain or attempt to obtain any immigration benefit, including a visa or entry into the United States?  Yes  No
65. Have you **EVER** lied about, concealed, or misrepresented any information on an application or petition to obtain a visa, other documentation required for entry into the United States, admission to the United States, or any other kind of immigration benefit?  Yes  No
66. Have you **EVER** falsely claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or any other way)?  Yes  No
67. Have you **EVER** been a stowaway on a vessel or aircraft arriving in the United States?  Yes  No
68. Have you **EVER** knowingly encouraged, induced, assisted, abetted, or aided any foreign national to enter or to try to enter the United States illegally (alien smuggling)?  Yes  No
69. Are you under a final order of civil penalty for violating INA section 274C for use of fraudulent documents?  Yes  No

**Removal, Unlawful Presence, or Illegal Reentry After Previous Immigration Violations**

70. Have you **EVER** been excluded, deported, or removed from the United States or have you ever departed the United States on your own after having been ordered excluded, deported, or removed from the United States?  Yes  No
71. Have you **EVER** entered the United States without being inspected and admitted or paroled?  Yes  No
- Since April 1, 1997, have you been unlawfully present in the United States:
- 72.a. For more than 180 days but less than a year, and then departed the United States?  Yes  No
- 72.b. For one year or more and then departed the United States?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** You were unlawfully present in the United States if you entered the United States without being inspected and admitted or inspected and paroled, or if you legally entered the United States but you stayed longer than permitted.

**Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)**

Since April 1, 1997, have you **EVER** reentered or attempted to reenter the United States without being inspected and admitted or paroled after:

- 73.a. Having been unlawfully present in the United States for more than one year in the aggregate?  Yes  No
- 73.b. Having been deported, excluded, or removed from the United States?  Yes  No

**Miscellaneous Conduct**

74. Do you plan to practice polygamy in the United States?  Yes  No
75. Are you accompanying another foreign national who requires your protection or guardianship but who is inadmissible after being certified by a medical officer as being helpless from sickness, physical or mental disability, or infancy, as described in INA section 232(c)?  Yes  No
76. Have you **EVER** assisted in detaining, retaining, or withholding custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a U.S. citizen who has been granted custody of the child?  Yes  No
77. Have you **EVER** voted in violation of any Federal, state, or local constitutional provision, statute, ordinance, or regulation in the United States?  Yes  No
78. Have you **EVER** renounced U.S. citizenship to avoid being taxed by the United States?  Yes  No

Have you **EVER**:

- 79.a. Applied for exemption or discharge from training or service in the U.S. armed forces or in the U.S. National Security Training Corps on the ground that you are a foreign national?  Yes  No
- 79.b. Been relieved or discharged from such training or service on the ground that you are a foreign national?  Yes  No
- 79.c. Been convicted of desertion from the U.S. armed forces?  Yes  No

80.a. Have you **EVER** left or remained outside the United States to avoid or evade training or service in the U.S. armed forces in time of war or a period declared by the President to be a national emergency?  Yes  No

80.b. If your answer to **Item Number 80.a.** is "Yes," what was your nationality or immigration status immediately before you left (for example, U.S. citizen or national, lawful permanent resident, nonimmigrant, parolee, present without admission or parole, or any other status)?

**Part 9. Accommodations for Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments**

**NOTE:** Read the information in the Form I-485 Instructions before completing this part.

1. Are you requesting an accommodation because of your disabilities and/or impairments?  Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, select any applicable box in **Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.c.** and provide an answer.

2.a.  I am deaf or hard of hearing and request the following accommodation. (If you are requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate for which language (for example, American Sign Language):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2.b.  I am blind or have low vision and request the following accommodation:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2.c.  I have another type of disability and/or impairment. (Describe the nature of your disability and/or impairment and the accommodation you are requesting.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 10. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature**

**NOTE:** Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-485 Instructions before completing this part. You must file Form I-485 while in the United States.

***Applicant's Statement***

**NOTE:** Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

- 1.a.  I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- 1.b.  The interpreter named in **Part 11.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.
2.  At my request, the preparer named in **Part 12.**, , prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

***Applicant's Contact Information***

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number
4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

***Applicant's Declaration and Certification***

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I understand that if I am a male who is 18 to 26 years of age, submitting this application will automatically register me with the Selective Service System as required by the Military Selective Service Act.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that USCIS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, if I am required to provide biometrics, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1) I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
- 2) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my application and any document submitted with it were provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

***Applicant's Signature***

- 6.a. Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)
- 6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:** If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

**Part 11. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

***Interpreter's Full Name***

- 1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)
- 1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

**Part 11. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature** (continued)

**Interpreter's Mailing Address**

- 3.a. Street Number and Name
- 3.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 3.c. City or Town
- 3.d. State  3.e. ZIP Code
- 3.f. Province
- 3.g. Postal Code
- 3.h. Country

**Interpreter's Contact Information**

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

**Interpreter's Certification**

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and , which is the same language specified in **Part 10., Item Number 1.b.**, and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

**Interpreter's Signature**

- 7.a. Interpreter's Signature (sign in ink)
- 7.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 12. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant**

Provide the following information about the preparer.

**Preparer's Full Name**

- 1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)
- 1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

**Preparer's Mailing Address**

- 3.a. Street Number and Name
- 3.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 3.c. City or Town
- 3.d. State  3.e. ZIP Code
- 3.f. Province
- 3.g. Postal Code
- 3.h. Country

**Preparer's Contact Information**

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

**Part 12. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant**  
(continued)

**Preparer's Statement**

- 7.a.  I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.
- 7.b.  I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case  extends  does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

**NOTE:** If you are an attorney or accredited representative, you may be obliged to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, with this application.

**Preparer's Certification**

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

**Preparer's Signature**

- 8.a. Preparer's Signature (sign in ink)
- 8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**NOTE: Do not complete Part 13, until the USCIS Officer instructs you to do so at the interview.**

**Part 13. Signature at Interview**

I swear (affirm) and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I know that the contents of this Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, subscribed by me, including the corrections made to this application, numbered  through , are complete, true, and correct. All additional pages submitted by me with this Form I-485, on numbered pages  through  are complete, true, and correct. All documents submitted at this interview were provided by me and are complete, true, and correct.

Subscribed to and sworn to (affirmed) before me

USCIS Officer's Printed Name or Stamp

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)

USCIS Officer's Signature (sign in ink)



# Form G-325, Biographic Information

- ▶ The purpose of this form is to gather biographic information that USCIS will use to process the adjustment of status application.

**G-325A, Biographic Information**

Family Name	First Name	Middle Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Citizenship/Nationality	File Number <b>A</b>
All Other Names Used (include names by previous marriages)			City and Country of Birth		U.S. Social Security No. (if any)	
Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	City, and Country of Birth (if known)		City and Country of Residence	
Father Mother (Maiden Name)						
Current Husband or Wife (If none, so state) Family Name (For wife, give maiden name)	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	City and Country of Birth	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	
Former Husbands or Wives (If none, so state) Family Name (For wife, give maiden name)	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date and Place of Marriage		Date and Place of Termination of Marriage	

Applicant's residence last five years. List present address first.

Street Name and Number	City	Province or State	Country	From		To	
				Month	Year	Month	Year
							Present Time

Applicant's last address outside the United States of more than 1 year.

Street Name and Number	City	Province or State	Country	From		To	
				Month	Year	Month	Year

Applicant's employment last five years. (If none, so state.) List present employment first.

Full Name and Address of Employer	Occupation (Specify)	From		To	
		Month	Year	Month	Year
					Present Time

Last occupation abroad if not shown above. (Include all information requested above.)

This form is submitted in connection with an application for:		Signature of Applicant	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):	➔ Don't forget to sign!	
<input type="checkbox"/> Status as Permanent Resident			

If your native alphabet is in other than Roman letters, write your name in your native alphabet below.

Penalties: Severe penalties are provided by law for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact.

Applicant: Print your name and Alien Registration Number in the box outlined by heavy border below.

Complete This Box (Family Name)	(Given Name)	(Middle Name)	(Alien Registration Number)
			<b>A</b>

# I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

- ▶ Applicants are granted employment authorization in periods of approximately one year and may be renewed until the green card has been issued.
- ▶ Allows for applicants to accept employment without restriction.
- ▶ May be extended if the green card has not been approved before employment authorization expires.
- ▶ As long as the extension application is timely filed, applicant may continue employment without interruption.



# Application For Employment Authorization

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-765  
OMB No. 1615-0040  
Expires 02/28/2018

For USCIS Use Only	Fee Stamp	Action Block	Initial Receipt	Resubmitted
			Relocated	
	Received		Sent	
	Completed		Approved	Denied
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid From _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid To _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Application Denied - Failed to establish: <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility under 8 CFR 274a.12 (a) or (c)		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic necessity under 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(14), (15) and 8 CFR 214.2(f) A# _____
Subject to the following conditions: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is filing under section 274a.12 _____	

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### I am applying for:

- Permission to accept employment.
- Replacement (of lost employment authorization document).
- Renewal of my permission to accept employment (attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document).

### 1. Full Name

Family Name	First Name	Middle Name

### 2. Other Names Used (include Maiden Name)

Family Name	First Name	Middle Name

### 3. U.S. Mailing Address

Street Number and Name	Apt. Number
Town or City	State ZIP Code

### 4. Country of Citizenship or Nationality

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### 5. Place of Birth

Town or City	State/Province	Country

### 6. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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7. Gender  Male  Female

### 8. Marital Status

Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed

9.a. Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?

Yes  No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 9.a., provide the information requested in Item Number 9.b.

9.b. Provide your Social Security number (SSN) (if known)

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10. Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card? (You must also answer "Yes" to Item Number 11., Consent for Disclosure, to receive a card.)

Yes  No

NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 10., skip to Item Number 14. If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 10., you must also answer "Yes" to Item Number 11.

11. Consent for Disclosure: I authorize disclosure of information from this application to the SSA as required for the purpose of assigning me an SSN and issuing me a Social Security card.

Yes  No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Numbers 10. - 11., provide the information requested in Item Numbers 12.a. - 13.b.

### Father's Name

12.a. Family Name (Last Name) 

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12.b. Given Name (First Name) 

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Mother's Name (Provide your mother's birth name.)

13.a. Family Name (Last Name)

13.b. Given Name (First Name)

14. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) or Form I-94 Number (if any)

15. Have you ever before applied for employment authorization from USCIS?

Yes (Complete the following questions.)

Which USCIS Office?  Dates

Results (Granted or Denied - attach all documentation)

No (Proceed to Item Number 16.)

16. Date of Your Last Arrival or Entry Into the U.S., On or About (mm/dd/yyyy)

17. Place of Your Last Arrival or Entry Into the U.S.

18. Status at Last Entry (B-2 Visitor, F-1 Student, No Lawful Status, etc.)

19. Current Immigration Status (Visitor, Student, etc.)

20. Eligibility Category. Go to the Who May File Form I-765? section of the Instructions. In the space below, place the letter and number of the eligibility category you selected from the instructions. For example, (a)(8), (c)(17)(iii), etc.  
(  ) (  ) (  )

21. (c)(3)(C) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(3)(C) in Item Number 20. above, list your degree, your employer's name as listed in E-Verify, and your employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number in the space below.

Degree  Employer's Name as listed in E-Verify

Employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a Valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number

22. (c)(26) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(26) in Item Number 20. above, please provide the receipt number of your H-1B principal spouse's most recent Form I-797 Notice of Approval for Form I-129.

23. (c)(35) and (c)(36) Eligibility Category

a. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) or (c)(36) in Item Number 20. above, please provide the receipt number of the Form I-140 beneficiary's Form I-797 Notice of Approval for Form I-140.

b. Have you EVER been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?  Yes  No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 23.b., refer to Item Number 5., Item H. or Item I. in the Who May File Form I-765 section of these Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.

#### Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking. I have read the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Instructions and have identified the appropriate eligibility category in Item Number 20.

Applicant's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Telephone Number

Signature of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than Applicant

I declare that this document was prepared by me at the request of the applicant and is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

Preparer's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Printed Name

Address

# Form I-131

- ▶ Green card applicants may travel without having to apply for a visa to reenter the United States.
- ▶ All nonimmigrants who hold any other status other than H-1B must have travel authorization in order to leave the United States without it being considered an abandonment of their adjustment of status application.



# Application for Travel Document

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS

Form I-131

OMB No. 1615-0013

Expires 12/31/2018

<b>For USCIS Use Only</b>	<b>Receipt</b>	<b>Action Block</b>	<b>To Be Completed by an Attorney/ Representative, if any.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in box if G-28 is attached to represent the applicant.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Document Hand Delivered</b> By: _____ Date: ____/____/____		
	<b>Document Issued</b>	<b>Mail To (Re-entry &amp; Refugee Only)</b>	<b>Attorney State License Number:</b> _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-entry Permit (Update "Mail To" Section) <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document (Update "Mail To" Section)	<input type="checkbox"/> Address in Part I	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Advance Parole <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Advance Parole (Valid Until: ____/____/____)	<input type="checkbox"/> US Consulate at: _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Intl DHS Ofc at: _____	

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## Part I. Information About You

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

### Physical Address

2.a. In Care of Name

2.b. Street Number and Name

2.c. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

2.d. City or Town

2.e. State  2.f. ZIP Code

2.g. Postal Code

2.h. Province

2.i. Country

### Other Information

3. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)  
► A-

4. Country of Birth

5. Country of Citizenship

6. Class of Admission

7. Gender  Male  Female

8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

9. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)  
►

## Part 2. Application Type

- 1.a.  I am a permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States, and I am applying for a reentry permit.
- 1.b.  I now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- 1.c.  I am a permanent resident as a direct result of refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- 1.d.  I am applying for an Advance Parole Document to allow me to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel.
- 1.e.  I am outside the United States, and I am applying for an Advance Parole Document.
- 1.f.  I am applying for an Advance Parole Document for a person who is outside the United States.

If you checked box "1.f." provide the following information about that person in 2.a. through 2.p.

- 2.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 2.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 2.c. Middle Name
- 2.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

- 2.e. Country of Birth
- 2.f. Country of Citizenship
- 2.g. Daytime Phone Number (   )   -

### Physical Address (If you checked box 1.f.)

- 2.h. In Care of Name
- 2.i. Street Number and Name
- 2.j. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 2.k. City or Town
- 2.l. State   2.m. ZIP Code
- 2.n. Postal Code
- 2.o. Province
- 2.p. Country

## Part 3. Processing Information

1. Date of Intended Departure (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
2. Expected Length of Trip (in days)
- 3.a. Are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings?  Yes  No
- 3.b. If "Yes", Name of DHS office:

- 4.a. Have you ever before been issued a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document? (If "Yes" give the following information for the last document issued to you):  Yes  No
- 4.b. Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
- 4.c. Disposition (attached, lost, etc.):

If you are applying for a non-DACA related Advance Parole Document, skip to Part 7; DACA recipients must complete Part 4 before skipping to Part 7.

### Part 3. Processing Information (continued)

Where do you want this travel document sent? (Check one)

5.  To the U.S. address shown in Part 1 (2.a through 2.i.) of this form.

6.  To a U.S. Embassy or consulate at:

6.a. City or Town

6.b. Country

7.  To a DHS office overseas at:

7.a. City or Town

7.b. Country

If you checked "6" or "7", where should the notice to pick up the travel document be sent?

8.  To the address shown in Part 2 (2.h. through 2.p.) of this form.

9.  To the address shown in Part 3 (10.a. through 10.i.) of this form.:

10.a. In Care of Name

10.b. Street Number and Name

10.c. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

10.d. City or Town

10.e. State  10.f. ZIP Code

10.g. Postal Code

10.h. Province

10.i. Country

10.j. Daytime Phone Number (    )  -

### Part 4. Information About Your Proposed Travel

1.a. Purpose of trip. (If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)

  
  
  

1.b. List the countries you intend to visit. (If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)

  
  
  

### Part 5. Complete Only If Applying for a Re-entry Permit

Since becoming a permanent resident of the United States (or during the past 5 years, whichever is less) how much total time have you spent outside the United States?

1.a.  less than 6 months

1.b.  6 months to 1 year

1.c.  1 to 2 years

1.d.  2 to 3 years

1.e.  3 to 4 years

1.f.  more than 4 years

2. Since you became a permanent resident of the United States, have you ever filed a Federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a Federal income tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident? (If "Yes" give details on a separate sheet of paper.)

Yes  No

### Part 6. Complete Only If Applying for a Refugee Travel Document

1. Country from which you are a refugee or asylee:

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you must explain on a separate sheet of paper. Include your Name and A-Number on the top of each sheet.

2. Do you plan to travel to the country named above?  Yes  No

Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you ever:

- 3.a. Returned to the country named above?  Yes  No

- 3.b. Applied for and/or obtained a national passport, passport renewal, or entry permit of that country?

Yes  No

- 3.c. Applied for and/or received any benefit from such country (for example, health insurance benefits)?

Yes  No

Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you, by any legal procedure or voluntary act:

- 4.a. Reacquired the nationality of the country named above?  Yes  No

- 4.b. Acquired a new nationality?  Yes  No

- 4.c. Been granted refugee or asylee status in any other country?  Yes  No

### Part 7. Complete Only If Applying for Advance Parole

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you qualify for an Advance Parole Document, and what circumstances warrant issuance of advance parole. Include copies of any documents you wish considered. (See instructions.)

1. How many trips do you intend to use this document?

One Trip  More than one trip

If the person intended to receive an Advance Parole Document is outside the United States, provide the location (City or Town and Country) of the U.S. Embassy or consulate or the DHS overseas office that you want us to notify.

- 2.a. City or Town

- 2.b. Country

If the travel document will be delivered to an overseas office, where should the notice to pick up the document be sent?:

3.  To the address shown in Part 2 (2.h. through 2.p.) of this form.

4.  To the address shown in Part 7 (4.a. through 4.i.) of this form.

- 4.a. In Care of Name

- 4.b. Street Number and Name

- 4.c. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

- 4.d. City or Town

- 4.e. State

- 4.f. ZIP Code

- 4.g. Postal Code

- 4.h. Province

- 4.i. Country

- 4.j. Daytime Phone Number ( ) -

**Part 8. Signature of Applicant** (Read the information on penalties in the Form instructions before completing this Part.) If you are filing for a Re-entry Permit or Refugee Travel Document, you must be in the United States to file this application.

1.a. I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it is all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Signature of Applicant

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1.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

2. Daytime Phone Number (  )  -

**NOTE:** If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, your application may be denied.

**Part 9. Information About Person Who Prepared This Application, If Other Than the Applicant**

**NOTE:** If you are an attorney or representative, you must submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with this application.

**Preparer's Full Name**

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name

**Preparer's Mailing Address**

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b. Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State  3.e. ZIP Code

3.f. Postal Code

3.g. Province

3.h. Country

**Preparer's Contact Information**

4. Preparer's Daytime Phone Number Extension  
(  )  -

5. Preparer's E-mail Address (if any)

**Declaration**

To be completed by all preparers, including attorneys and authorized representatives: I declare that I prepared this benefit request at the request of the applicant, that it is based on all the information of which I have knowledge, and that the information is true to the best of my knowledge.

6.a. Signature of Preparer

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

**NOTE:** If you require more space to provide any additional information, use a separate sheet of paper. You must include your Name and A-Number on the top of each sheet.

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The Office of Immigration and Academic Appointments provides immigration services to international students, faculty, researchers and visiting scholars, as well as members of their immediate families. The staff will advise international students and scholars on obtaining and maintaining lawful status while at the University. Additionally, this office stays apprised of all relevant immigration regulations, procedures, and developments to ensure the community is informed and in compliance. All international visitors and scholars are required to register with this office upon their arrival and notify this office upon their departure.

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This site contains current information on the topics listed below. The information contained herewith is not intended to create an attorney/client relationship, nor can it be construed as legal advice. U.S. immigration laws are very complex and frequently changing. In order to receive the most current immigration information and advice concerning your own case, contact a member of the office of Immigration and Academic Appointments.

Additionally, it is important to retain all visa-related documents in a secure place and address any document expirations in a timely fashion. We are currently experiencing lengthy processing times for all immigration service filings.

*You must have a valid passport throughout your stay in the U.S. and report all address changes to the Immigration Service on the form AR-11 within 10 days. This form can be downloaded here: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/ar-11.pdf>*

- [B-1 Visitor for Business](#)
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### Disclaimer

Attached is a list of immigration attorneys who may have been consulted in the past by affiliates of The Rockefeller University. The University does not make any representations about the quality of the work of the attorneys on the list. Therefore, you need to make your own independent assessment before choosing an attorney. For an alternate source of immigration attorneys, you may find it helpful to contact the American Immigration Lawyers Association (<http://www.aila.org>) or the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association (<http://www.abcny.org>).

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- ▶ United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

- ▶ USCIS Forms

<https://www.uscis.gov/forms>

- ▶ Visa Bulletin

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/law-and-policy/bulletin.html>

- ▶ USCIS Processing Times

<https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/processTimesDisplayInit.do>

- ▶ United States Department of State

[www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)

- ▶ Diversity Visa Lottery

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