



DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR IMMIGRATION STATUSES

Immigration Status	Common Documentation
Qualified Aliens	
Lawful Permanent Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-551 or earlier versions: I-151; AR-2 and AR-3 • Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport or on I-94 • I-327: Re-entry permit • I-181: Memorandum of Creation of Lawful Permanent Residence with approval stamp • Receipt from USCIS indicating I-90 application to replace LPR has been filed • I-94 or I-94A: stamp indicating for lawful permanent residence • Order issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service/Department of Homeland Security (INS/DHS), an immigration judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or a federal court granting registry, suspension of deportation, cancellation of removal, or adjustment of status • Memorandum of creation of Lawful Permanent Residence with approval stamp (I-181) <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Note: <i>Lawful permanent resident status does not expire so expired documentation should be accepted as evidence of LPR status.</i></p> </div>
Refugee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94: Stamped “admitted under Section 207 of the INA”, “Refugee”, “RE1, RE2, RE3 or RE4” • I-551: Stamped “R8-6, RE6, RE7, RE8 or RE9” • I-571: Refugee Travel Document • I-688B: Employment Authorization Card annotated with “274a.12(a) (3)” • I-766: Employment Authorization Card annotated “A3” or “A4”
Afghani and Iraqi Nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCIS Form I-94 noting “admitted under Section 101 (a)(27) of the INA” • Passport with a stamp noting “Admitted under Section 101 (a)(27) of the INA” • Passport with an immigrant visa stamp coded with categories: SI -1, SI-2, or SQ-1, SQ-2 or SQ-3 • USCIS Form I-551 coded the categories: SQ -6, SQ-7, SQ-9 or SI-6, SI-7 SI-9



Asylees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94: Stamped “granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA” • I-551: Stamped “AS1, AS2, AS3, AS6, AS7, or AS8” • I-571: Refugee travel document • I-688B: Employment Authorization Card annotated with “274a12(a) (5)” • I-766: Employment Authorization Document annotated “A5” • Grant letter from USCIS Asylum Office • Order of an immigration judge, Board of Immigration Appeals, or federal court granting asylum
Amerasian Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94: Stamped “AM1, AM2, AM3, AM6, AM7, AM8”. Derive date of entry from date of inspection on stamp; if date is missing, obtain from USCIS • I-551: Stamped “AM6, AM7, or AM8” • Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport • I-571: Refugee Travel Document • Vietnamese exit visa or passport stamped “AM1, AM2, or AM3”
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94: Stamped “Cuban/Haitian Entrant (status pending)” “Section 212(d) (5) of the INA”, “Form I-589 filed”, or “CU6” or “CU7” • I-94: Stamp showing parole under Section 212(d) (5) of INA or stamp showing parole in U.S. on or after 10/10/80 and reasonable evidence that parolee has been a national of Cuba or Haiti • I-551: Stamped “CU6, CU7 or CH6” • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(c)(8)” or C8, “Section 274a 12(c)(11)” or C11, • Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport • USCIS notice or letters indicating ongoing exclusion or deportation proceedings • Cuban/Haitians with an Order of Supervision with evidence that he or she entered the U.S. with a grant of parole after October 1, 1980
Conditional Entrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94, I-94A or other document indicating status as a Conditional Entrant, “Seventh Preference” “Section 203(a) (7)”
Victims of Human Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification Document (for adults) or Eligibility Letter (for children) from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) • ORR eligibility letter (if under 18) • Certification status verified through HHS Trafficking Line 202-401-5510 or 866-401-5510



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status I-766 Employment Authorization Document annotated (a)(16) or (c)(25) (immediate family members of T visa holder) • I-797: Approval notice for “CP” (continued presence), indicating approval status T-1, • I-512: Authorization for Parole, indicating T-1 status • I-551: Card coded ST6
Persons Granted Withholding of Deportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688B: Employment Authorization Card annotated with “274a12(a)(10)” • I-766: Employment Authorization Document annotated “A10” • Order from Immigration Judge showing the date deportation was withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under Section 241(b)(3) of INA
Parolee for at least one year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94: with annotation “Paroled pursuant to Section 212(d) (5) or “parole or PIP” with date of entry and date of expiration indicating one year • I-688B: Annotated “Section 274a 12(a)(4), 274(a) 12(c) (11)” • I-766: Annotated “C11” or A4 and I-94 indicating admitted for at least one year
<p>Battered Spouses and Children</p> <p>Certain battered spouses and children who have been granted, or found prima facie eligible for relief under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) who are no longer living with their abusive U.S. citizen or LPR spouse or parent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797: Indicating approved, pending or prima facie determination of I-360 (petitioning by self-petitioning immigrant of abusive U.S. citizen or LPR) spouse or parent under Section 2d04(a)(1)(iii) or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(i) or (iii) • I-797: Indicating approved or pending I-130 (visa petition) under Section 204(a)(1)(A)(i) or (ii), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(i) if the benefit agency determines the immigrant has been subject to battery or abuse. • I-485: Application for Adjustment of Status on basis of an immediate relative or family 2nd preference petition or VAWA application • Order from EOIR granting suspension of deportation under Section 244(a)(3) or cancellation of removal under Section 240A(b)(2) • I-688B: Annotated Section 274a 12(a)(10) or Section 274a 12(c)(14) or Section 274a 12(c)(9) or Section 274a 12(c)(10) • I-766 EAD document coded (a)(10) or (c)(14) or (c)(9) or (c)(10) • Immigrant spouses and children of USC or LPR whose passport contains a K3/K4 or V visa or who have an EAD coded (a)(9) or (a)(15) if the benefit agency determines they have been subject to battery or abuse and are no longer living with the abuser.



Lawfully Present	
Applicant for Adjustment to LPR Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or notice showing filing or pending status of Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or adjust Status • I-797: ASC Appointment Notice with Case Type, "I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status" • I-688B or I-766: Employment Authorization Document (EAD) coded "Section 274a 12(c)(9)" or "C9 or C9P" • I-797 receipt for Application for Employment Authorization based on C09 • I-512: Authorization for parole, indicating applicant for adjustment of status
Applicant for Asylum or Withholding of Deportation/Removal including Applicant for Withholding of Deportation/Removal under CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-589: Application for Asylum and Withholding or CAT • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded "Section 274a 12(c)(8)" or "C8"
Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(a)(12) or A12 • I-797 Notice of Action showing grant of TPS status
Applicant for TPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-821: Application for Temporary Protected Status • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded "Section 274a 12(c)(19) or "C19"
Granted Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(a)(11) or "A11"
Granted Deferred Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797: Notice of Action or other form showing approval of deferred action status • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(c)(14) or "C14" or (c)(33) or C33
Applicant for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797: Notice of Action Special Immigrant Juvenile Approval Notice • I-797: Welcome Notice/Approval of I-485, "Other Basis of Adjustment SL6" • I-551 coded "SL6"
Nonimmigrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94 or I-94A: Arrival/Departure Record or passport indicating admission to U.S. with nonimmigrant visa • I-102: Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document • I-797: Approving application to extend/change nonimmigrant status • I-797: Approving application for S, T, U, or V nonimmigrant status • I-688B or I-766 EAD or other DHS document indicating nonimmigrant status



Citizen of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94 or passport noted as “CFA/RMI” “CFA/FSM” or “CFA/PAL” • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded “A8”
Lawful Temporary Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688: Temporary Resident Card • I-688A EAD • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(a)(12) or “A2” • I-766 Annotated “A2”, or with other evidence indicating eligibility under INA §§210 or 245A • I-698: Application to Adjust from Temporary to Permanent Residence under INA § 245A
Applicant for Legalization under IRCA or the LIFE Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688B or I-766 coded 274a 12(c)(20),(c)(22), or (c)(24) or C20, C22, or C24 • I-687: Application for Temporary Residence under INA § 245A • Passport, with stamp or writing by DHS officer, indicating pending §245 application
Family Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797: Notice of Action showing approval of I-817 Application for Family Unit • I-688B or I-766 coded 274a 12(a)(13) or A13
Applicant for Cancellation of Removal or Suspension of Deportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of notice showing filing form EOIR-40 (Application for Suspension of Deportation), EOIR-42 (Application for Cancellation of Removal), or I-881 (Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal) • I-256A (former suspension application) • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(c)(10) or C10 • I-766 Annotated “C10”
Order of Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice or form showing release under order of supervision • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(c)(18) or C18 • I-766 Annotated “C18”
Registry Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-485: Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status • I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a 12(c)(16) or C16
Stay of Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative or court order granting stay of removal issued by the Department of Homeland Security, and immigration judge, Board of Immigration Appeals, or a federal court