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New Immigrant Orientation

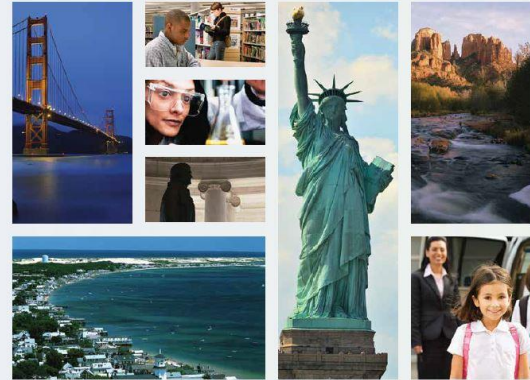
Topics of Discussion

- ✓ **Settling** in the United States
- ✓ Your **rights and responsibilities**
- ✓ **Petitioning** for family
- ✓ Becoming a **U.S. Citizen**
- ✓ Tools and **Resources**



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Welcome to the United States *A Guide for New Immigrants*



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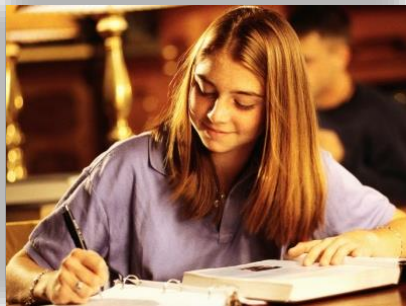


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Getting Settled in the United States



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Find a place to live

- ✓ Renting and buying
- ✓ Laws that protect from discrimination
- ✓ [Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD)



Education

- ✓ Public schools, colleges and universities
- ✓ Adult schools: [National Literacy Directory](#)



Employment

- ✓ Laws that protect from discrimination
- ✓ [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#) (EEOC)
- ✓ Visit [E-verify](#) to verify records

Rights of a Lawful Permanent Resident



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 **As a lawful permanent resident you have certain rights in the United States to:**

- ✓ Live and work anywhere in the United States;
- ✓ Attend public school and college;
- ✓ Apply for a Social Security # and driver's license;
- ✓ Travel internationally under certain conditions; and
- ✓ Join certain branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Rights of a Lawful Permanent Resident



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 **You may petition for certain family members.**

Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative:

- ✓ Lawful permanent residents may only petition for spouses, unmarried children under age 21, and unmarried sons and daughters.
- ✓ Generally, approved petitions are stored at the National Visa Center (NVC).
- ✓ NVC will notify the petitioner and their family member when their priority dates become available and when they can apply for their permanent residency.



Visa Bulletin (www.state.gov)



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Category	All Other Countries	China	India	Mexico	Philippines
Unmarried son/daughter (over 21) of U.S. Citizen	22OCT11	22OCT11	22OCT11	01AUG97	01APR07
Spouse/child of permanent resident	08JAN17	08JAN17	08JAN17	15DEC16	08JAN17
Unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident	01AUG12	01AUG12	01AUG12	22SEP97	22JUL07
Married son/daughter of U.S. citizen	08SEP06	08SEP06	08SEP06	15JAN96	01JAN96
Sibling of U.S. citizen	22SEP05	22SEP05	08JUL04	08FEB98	01JAN96

Responsibilities of a Lawful Permanent Resident



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You must:

- ✓ Obey all federal, state, and local laws;
- ✓ Register with the Selective Service if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 26;
- ✓ Change your address on the USCIS [Change of Address](#) webpage within 10 days every time you move; and
- ✓ File all required federal, state, and local income taxes.

Maintain your Immigration Status



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To maintain your immigration status:

- ✓ Don't move and settle in a new country
- ✓ Understand the consequences of traveling back to your home country
- ✓ Avoid long absences from the U.S.
- ✓ Understand the consequences of criminal or other serious behavior



Consequences of Criminal or Other Serious Behavior



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Lawful permanent residents who **engage in** or are **convicted** of certain crimes in the U.S. could be **removed** from the country, and in certain circumstances, **lose their eligibility** for U.S. citizenship.

General Requirements for Naturalization



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- 🇺🇸 **Generally, to become a naturalized citizen, you must:**
 - ✓ Be at least 18 years old at the time of application
 - ✓ Be a permanent resident of the United States
 - ✓ Meet the continuous residence and physical presence requirements
 - ✓ Live in the USCIS district where you file your application
 - ✓ Have good moral character
- 🇺🇸 **Unless you are eligible for an exemption or waiver, you must also demonstrate:**
 - ✓ Basic understanding of the English language
 - ✓ Knowledge of U.S. history and government
 - ✓ Attachment to the U.S. Constitution

USCIS Website



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The screenshot shows the USCIS website homepage. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the USCIS logo, the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services", a search bar labeled "Search our Site", and a "Need Help? Ask Emma" button with a woman's image. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "FORMS", "NEWS", "CITIZENSHIP", "GREEN CARD", "TOOLS", and "LEGAL RESOURCES". Two red arrows point to the "FORMS" and "TOOLS" tabs. Below the navigation bar is a banner for "ONLINE FILING WITH USCIS" with a background of the American flag. The banner includes the text "Create an Account to [Renew Your Green Card](#) or [Apply for Naturalization](#)", a blue "File Online" button, and three links: [CHECK CASE STATUS](#), [CHECK PROCESSING TIMES](#), and [FIND AN OFFICE](#). Below the banner are four blue boxes with white text: "ELECTRONIC READING ROOM", "GET STARTED", "GREEN CARD", and "CITIZENSHIP". Each box contains a list of links: "ELECTRONIC READING ROOM" (Data and Statistics, Reports and Studies, Correspondence), "GET STARTED" (Explore My Options, File Online, E-Verify), "GREEN CARD" (Apply for a Green Card, Renew a Green Card, Remove Conditions), and "CITIZENSHIP" (Apply for Citizenship, Study for the Test, Take a Practice Test).

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FORMS NEWS CITIZENSHIP GREEN CARD TOOLS LEGAL RESOURCES

▶ [See Accurate Case Processing Times](#)

ONLINE FILING WITH USCIS

Create an Account to [Renew Your Green Card](#) or [Apply for Naturalization](#)

[File Online](#)

[CHECK CASE STATUS](#)

[CHECK PROCESSING TIMES](#)

[FIND AN OFFICE](#)

ELECTRONIC READING ROOM

- Data and Statistics
- Reports and Studies
- Correspondence

GET STARTED

- Explore My Options
- File Online
- E-Verify

GREEN CARD

- Apply for a Green Card
- Renew a Green Card
- Remove Conditions

CITIZENSHIP

- Apply for Citizenship
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www.uscis.gov

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Self-Help Tools and Resources



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 **The USCIS webpage offers the following free services:**

- ✓ Check your case status
- ✓ Change your address
- ✓ Check processing times
- ✓ Make an InfoPass appointment
- ✓ “How Do I” fact sheets
- ✓ Download forms
- ✓ Online filing (for some forms)
- ✓ Explore My Options
- ✓ Create an account on myUSCIS
- ✓ Ask Emma

 **Or call us at 800-375-5283.**

Check your Case Status Online



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Official Website of the Department of Homeland Security

Login or Sign up

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FORMS NEWS CITIZENSHIP GREEN CARD TOOLS LAWS

CASE STATUS ONLINE

Enter a Receipt Number

CHECK STATUS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Why sign up for an account?
[Click Here](#)

RELATED TOOLS

MAKE UPDATES GET HELP INQUIRE

Change of Address Submit a Case Inquiry USCIS Processing Times Information

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

TOPICS: Adoption, Appeals, Asylee Status, Citizenship, Citizenship Resource Center, Family, Green Card, History and Genealogy, Humanitarian, Military, USCIS E-Verify, Working in the U.S.

VERIFICATION: E-Verify, Self Check, Self Check

POLICIES: USCIS Privacy of Information Act, FOIA, Privacy Policy, Accessibility, Social Media Policy, Plug-in, Mobile App

National Customer Service Center: 1-800-375-5282

TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-367-0833

Official Website of the Department of Homeland Security

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CASE STATUS ONLINE

Enter a Receipt Number

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CHECK STATUS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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ACCOUNT LOGIN

SIGN UP

How Do I? Guides



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Tools and Resources

How Do I Guides

U.S. Citizens

Permanent Residents

Nonimmigrants

Refugees and Asylees

Employers

General Information

Pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee

Other Languages

How Do I Guides

These guides answer questions regarding immigration benefits.

Select the category below that applies to you.

- U.S. Citizens
- Permanent Residents
- Nonimmigrants
- Refugees and Asylees
- Employers
- General Information
- How Do I Pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee
- How do I - Other Languages

Tools

Before I File

- Check Filing Fees
- File My Application Online
- Check Processing Times
- Find a Medical Doctor

After I File

- Submit an e-Request for an N-400 or I-90
- Online Change of Address
- Check My Case Status
- Sign-up for Case Updates
- While My Case is Pending

www.uscis.gov/tools/how-do-i-guides

Multilingual Resources



Multilingual Resources Page

USCIS information in languages other than English

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中文 Chinese	Deutsch German	Français French	Kreyòl Haitian	हिन्दी Hindi
Ilocano Ilocano	Bahasa Indonesia Indonesian	Italiano Italian	日本語 Japanese	한국어 Korean
नेपाली Nepali	Palauan Palauan	Polski Polish	Português Portuguese	Русский Russian
Af-soomaali Somali	Español Spanish	Tagalog Tagalog	اُردو Urdu	ไทย Thai
Tiếng Việt Vietnamese				



Chào Mừng
Hương Dải

गलत मदद कर सका
इमिग्रेशन घोटालों से

डाकू लोड
पुनः वापस ले लें

सत्यापित की जा रही है
आपकी पहचान

हमारे बारे में
सिटीजनशिप और इमिग्रेशन से जुड़ी जानकारी के लिए हमें संपर्क करें

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अंशतः गैर-अंग्रेजी भाषी (आंशिक रूप से अंग्रेजी नहीं जानते)

1. माता-पिता का जन्म अमेरिका में हुआ है।
2. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।
3. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।
4. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।
5. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।
6. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।
7. माता-पिता अमेरिकी नागरिक हैं।



Visit our [multilingual resource](#) webpage.

Citizenship Resources



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🔦 Visit the [Citizenship Resource Center](#) to:

- ✓ Learn about the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship;
- ✓ Understand the naturalization process;
- ✓ Study for the test;
- ✓ Find citizenship classes; and
- ✓ Find legal assistance.



The Wrong Help Can Hurt



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🔥 Visit the [USCIS Avoid Scams](#) webpage to learn more about:

- ✓ [Form filing tips](#);
- ✓ Common immigration scams;
- ✓ How to [report immigration scams](#); and
- ✓ How to find [legal services and help](#).

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BEWARE OF IMMIGRATION SCAMS



What is Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law?



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The term **unauthorized practice of immigration law** (UPIL) generally refers to the provision of legal advice and/or representation regarding immigration matters by an individual who is **not** an **attorney** eligible to practice law and in good standing or is not an **DOJ accredited representative**.

Legal advice may include:

- ✓ Identifying what **immigration options** an applicant or petitioner may have;
- ✓ **Choosing** what immigration form to file; and
- ✓ Deciding how to **answer** questions on immigration forms.

A close-up photograph of a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) form. The form is titled "Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services" and "START HERE - Type or Print (Use black ink)". The section "Part 1. Information About You" is visible, with fields for "Family Name (Last Name)", "Address - Street Number and", and "City (in care of)".



- ✓ UPIIL is a serious **problem** that can affect anyone seeking an immigration benefit
- ✓ Perpetrators of immigration scams often engage in UPIIL as a means to **defraud** their victims
- ✓ Through this initiative to combat UPIIL and immigration scams, USCIS seeks to **protect** the integrity of our immigration system and the best interests of the **communities** we serve



Common Scams



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- ✓ Maintaining websites that **resemble** official USCIS resources available at www.uscis.gov;
- ✓ **Selling** USCIS forms which are available free of charge at www.uscis.gov/forms;
- ✓ Applying for benefits on behalf of an immigrant who is **ineligible** for those benefits;
- ✓ **Falsifying** information in documents submitted to USCIS;
- ✓ Accepting an applicant's money for filing fees **without** submitting any application or petition to USCIS; or
- ✓ Making claims that he or she can obtain government-issued documents because he or she has special **influence** or a connection with the government.

COMMON SCAMS



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Common Scams

The wrong help can hurt. Use this information to avoid common immigration scams.

Close All Open All

TPS Re-registration Scams	+
Immigration Scam in India	+
Form I-9 and Email Scams	+
"Notarios Públicos"	+
Payments by Phone or Email	+
Winning the Visa Lottery	+
Scam Websites	+
Job Offers	+
Scams Targeting Students	+

- We list common immigration scams
- Affinity fraud
- If it sounds too good to be true...

www.uscis.gov/avoidscams

www.uscis.gov/eviteestafas

Report Immigration Scams



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Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov). You may also **file** a complaint in your state:

- ✓ CA Attorney General, Office of Immigrant Assistance
- ✓ State Bar of California
- ✓ Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Fraud Unit

What is a DOJ accredited representative?



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- ✓ **Accredited representatives** working for a DOJ approved organization is eligible to represent you before USCIS. They **must** work for a DOJ approved non-profit, religious, charitable, social service or similar organization
- ✓ They are not attorneys but may give you immigration legal advice because of their **specialized training** and experience
- ✓ They may only charge a **small fee** for legal services

Immigration Attorneys



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- ✓ **Search** the American Bar Association to find attorneys in your state
- ✓ Interview your list and ask for **client references**
- ✓ **Compare** fees
- ✓ Check **credentials**

Immigration Preparers-”Notarios”



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- ✓ Immigration consultants **cannot** give any legal advice including how to answer questions
- ✓ They can only help complete forms, translate answers, submit the forms, and **refer** cases to **qualified** legal resources such as an immigration attorney or a DOJ accredited representative
- ✓ They **must** provide a contract and notify customer they can rescind the contract within 72 hours
- ✓ They must have a notice displayed in English and native language of clients that the immigration consultant is **not** attorney and includes consultant's name, address, proof of bond with its number. They must be **bonded** with state of California.
- ✓ They **cannot** keep any original documents and must keep copies of customer's records for 3 years

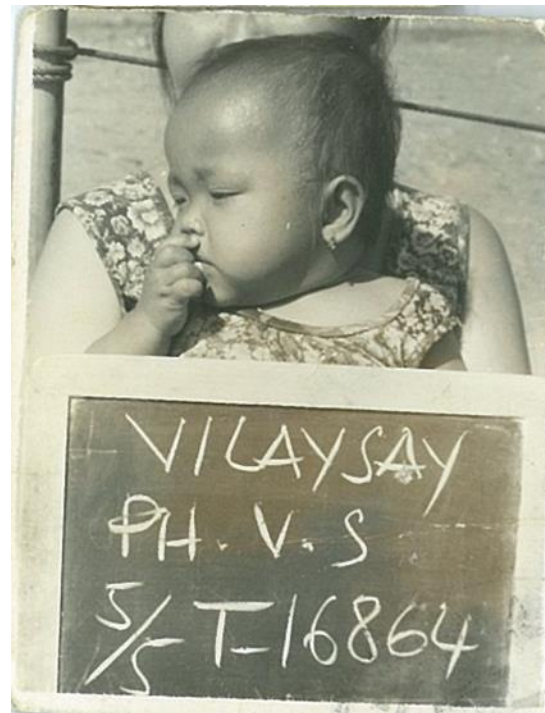
Contact Information



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We welcome your questions and comments!

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