



Guide



Adjustment of Status for People Who Entered as Refugees



Purpose

This guide will walk you through the steps for applying for adjustment of status after you have been admitted to the United States [as a refugee](#). Properly filing the [Form I-485](#) Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, allows you and your qualifying family members to register for lawful permanent residence and obtain US Green Cards.

Most people can apply for adjustment of status without the help of an attorney using this guide. If you have a criminal conviction or arrest, you should contact an immigration attorney for assistance rather than filing without help. Otherwise, this guide can help you assemble a filing packet with relevant forms and evidence.

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If you entered the United States as a refugee, you can apply to adjust your immigration status to become a lawful permanent resident (LPR) after a year provided you meet specific criteria. To receive a US Green Card and LPR status, you must file a Form I-485 and supporting documentation for yourself and any qualifying family members to adjust your status. Each applicant must file a separate adjustment application. See also the [USCIS Green Card for Refugee page](#).



Eligibility Criteria for Refugees

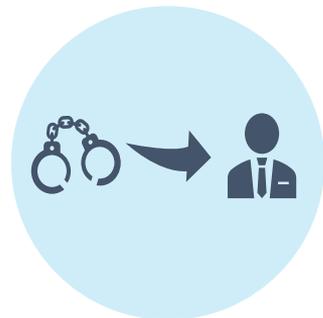
People who enter as refugees are eligible for adjustment of status if they:

- Have been **admitted to the United States as a refugee**
- Have **been physically present in the United States for at least one year** after their admission as a refugee
- Have **not had their refugee status terminated**

Family members can file the Form I-485 together with the principal applicant or independently as derivative applicants. Each person must meet the eligibility criteria described above.

Refugee? Filing to Adjust Is Free

The [USCIS fee calculator](#) currently indicates **there is no filing or biometric fee** required for refugees' Form I-485 applications, so you can apply at no filing cost to you.



When To Seek Legal Counsel

If you have a criminal conviction or arrest since arriving as a refugee, we recommend that you consult qualified immigration counsel to help you navigate the adjustment of status process successfully. Please see here for [tips on finding immigration counsel](#) if you need help.

What to Submit:

- ✓ **Cover letter** (see [template](#))
- ✓ Completed and signed [Form I-485](#)
- ✓ [Form G-1145](#) to receive a text or e-mail notification when USCIS receives the application
- ✓ **Two passport photos** ([refer to instructions](#))
- ✓ **Birth certificate**, if available
 - Although refugees are not required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, try to obtain a proper birth record if possible and provide a copy and its English translation, if necessary.
 - Please check the [US Department of State's Reciprocity and Civil Documents by Country page](#) to determine what documents the US government accepts and whether it is possible to obtain your birth certificate from the relevant authority in your country of birth.
 - Copies of documents, including birth records, in languages other than English should be submitted along with a [certified translation](#).
- ✓ **Identity document** such as a passport, national ID card, or similar
- ✓ **Evidence of admission as a refugee** (such as a [Form I-94](#), a copy of your passport admission stamp, or your Transportation Letter)
- ✓ Sealed/unopened [Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#) ([See here for details](#) about the medical exam; note that this form does not have to be submitted at the same time as the I-485.)



Don't forget to **make a copy or scan of the application (except the sealed Form I-693)** for own your records before you file!

✗ Do not submit original documents to USCIS!

Instead, submit high-quality color scans of documents like your passport or a birth certificate.

What to Submit as a Derivative Applicant:

- ✓ **Cover letter** (see [template](#))
- ✓ Completed and signed [Form I-485](#)
- ✓ [Form G-1145](#) to receive a text or e-mail notification when USCIS receives the application
- ✓ **Two passport photos** ([refer to instructions](#))
- ✓ **Birth certificate**, if available
 - Although refugees are not required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, try to obtain a proper birth record if possible and provide a copy and its English translation, if necessary.
 - Please check the [US Department of State's Reciprocity and Civil Documents by Country page](#) to determine what documents the US government accepts and whether it is possible to obtain your birth certificate from the relevant authority in your country of birth.
 - Copies of documents, including birth records, in languages other than English should be submitted along with a [certified translation](#).
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- ✓ **Evidence of admission as a refugee** (such as a [Form I-94](#), a copy of your passport admission stamp, or your Transportation Letter)
- ✓ Sealed/unopened [Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#) ([See here for details](#) about the medical exam; note that this form does not have to be submitted at the same time as the I-485.)



Make a copy or scan of the application (except the sealed Form I-693) for your own records before you file!

Some documents are optional for refugees. Identity and family relationship were proven when your family entered as refugees, so you can provide relevant refugee records like your Transportation Letter if you or a family member lacks a birth certificate or identity document.

✗ Do not submit original documents to USCIS!



Instead, submit high-quality color scans of documents like your passport or a birth certificate.

Generally, all applicants for adjustment of status are required to undergo a medical examination by a USCIS-designated civil surgeon who records the results of the examination on [Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination](#). The cost for this examination varies and generally must be paid by the applicant.



Refugees who are applying for adjustment of status one year after the initial admission and who **already had a medical examination overseas, are not required to repeat the full medical examination**, but must comply with the vaccination requirements.

- However, if you were diagnosed with a Class A medical condition during the overseas medical exam, you must repeat the entire examination in the United States and submit a fully completed Form I-693 with your I-485 application.



Only specially qualified medical or health professionals can provide a proper medical examinations for the purpose of adjusting your status.

- Contact your local state or local refugee health coordinator and ask them to complete Parts 1-5, Part 7, and Part 10 of Form I-693 for you.
- Alternatively, you can contact a USCIS-designated civil surgeon. To find an authorized doctor, use the [Find a Doctor tool here](#).



Bring the the following to the medical appointment:

- [Form I-693](#)
- Government-issued photo identification
- Vaccination or immunization record
- Evidence of health insurance (if applicable)



The completed Form I-693 will be returned to you in a sealed envelope that must remain sealed and be submitted to USCIS.



You can file your I-693:

- Along with your I-485 (filing at the same time can help you avoid delays)
- By mail in response to a USCIS request for evidence, or
- When you go to your USCIS interview.

For more information, please see [“When to file” here](#).

Form I-485 | Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

- You can follow the steps here to fill out the Form I-485 correctly if you are a refugee adjusting your status to lawful permanent resident.
 - Please note that the Form I-485 allows multiple categories of immigrants to register to adjust their status.
 - However, this guide's directions apply to **refugees only**.
- To ensure that you have the most recent version of the form, we recommend downloading the form directly from the [USCIS website](#).
 - You also can view the most recent USCIS instructions for this form [at this link](#) if you need additional guidance or information.
- While most people will be able to complete this filing without legal assistance, criminal convictions, arrests, or selecting “yes” to certain questions (as marked on the pages that follow) may mean you should consult with an immigration attorney for help.

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Enter your names exactly as they appear in your passport or another identity document.

If your name has been officially changes, include documentation of the official name change.

List all names ever used, including maiden/married names or alternative spellings of your names, if applicable.

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**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 03/31/2023

For USCIS Use Only

Preference Category:	Receipt	Action Block
Country Chargeable:		
Priority Date:		
Date Form I-485 Received:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Interviewed	Section of Law <input type="checkbox"/> INA 209(a) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 249 <input type="checkbox"/> INA 209(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 13, Act of 9/11/57 <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban Adjustment Act <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(i) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> INA 245(m)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Waived		
Date of Initial Interview:		
Lawful Permanent Resident as of:		

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

Select this box if an attorney or accredited representative is completing this form. Form I-485 is attached. (if any) (if applicable) USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

▶ **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 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

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Make sure you are using the most recent version of the Form I-485, which can be downloaded from this [USCIS website](#).

You can find this number on the Transportation Letter you used to enter the United States.

★ Be sure to include your A-Number on the top right of each page of this Form (pages 2-18).



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★ Include your A-Number on the top right of each page of this Form .

A-Number ▶ A-

Part 1. Information About the Person Applying for Lawful Permanent Residence (continued)

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)
▶

U.S. Mailing Address

12.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

12.b. Street Number and Name

12.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

12.d. City or Town

12.e. State 12.f. ZIP Code
(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

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.

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

Social Security Card

14. Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?
 Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the information requested in **Item Number 15.**

15. Provide your U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).
▶

16. Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card? (You must also answer "Yes" to **Item Number 17. Consent for Disclosure**, to receive a card).
 Yes No

17. **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

Recent Immigration History

Provide the information for **Item Numbers 18. - 24.** if you last entered the United States using a passport or travel document.

18. Passport Number Used at Last Arrival

19. Travel Document Number Used at Last Arrival

20. Expiration Date of this Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)

21. Country that Issued this Passport or Travel Document

22. Nonimmigrant Visa Number from this Passport (if any)

Place of Last Arrival into the United States

23.a. City or Town

23.b. State

24. Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy)

If you don't yet have a Social Security Number and would like one to be assigned to you, answer "No" to item 14 . Then answer items 16-17.

If you already have a Social Security Number, please provide it in item 15.

If you do have a passport, enter the passport number in 18 and leave item 19 blank.

If you do not have a passport, leave item 18 blank.

For item 19, insert the Document ID # from your Transportation Letter



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If you have more than three children, you can use the extra space on page 18 of the form to list your additional children. Be sure to include each additional child's name, A-Number, date and country of birth, and whether the child is applying with you.

Select the best answer for your ethnicity and race. You can select more than one response for item 2 if you have multiple racial identities.

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A-Number ▶ A-

Part 6. Information About Your Children
(continued)

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

3. Height Feet Inches

4. Weight Pounds

5. Eye Color (Select **only one** box)

Black Blue Brown

Gray Green Hazel

Maroon Pink Unknown/Other

6. Hair Color (Select **only one** box)

Bald (No hair) Black Blond

Brown Gray Red

Sandy White Unknown/Other

Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds

1. Have you **EVER** been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with any organization, association, fund, foundation, party, club, society, or similar group in the United States or in any other location in the world including any military service? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1**, complete **Item Numbers 2. - 13.b.** below. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information**. If you answered "No," but are unsure of your answer, provide an explanation of the events and circumstances in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information**.

Organization 1

2. Name of Organization

3.a. City or Town

3.b. State or Province

3.c. Country

4. Nature of Group

Dates of Membership or Dates of Involvement

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

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

Organization 2

6.

7.a. City or Town

7.b. State or Province

7.c. Country

8. Nature of Group

 Include any military service in your answer.

If you performed military service, please disclose it in item 1. If you need additional space, use the additional information section on page 18 of the form.

Only know your height and weight in metric? [Visit this link](#) to convert the units and provide the proper measurements.



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Note that pages 10-14 cover a variety of “inadmissibility” grounds, or reasons why you might not be entitled to an immigration benefit. You should review these questions closely and determine whether the answer to all of them is “No.” Answering “Yes” to any question (besides 61 and 62 as marked) will require you to explain that issue further.



If you need to answer “Yes” to a question or are not sure if you should answer “Yes,” consult with an immigration lawyer. Answering “Yes” to a question will require you to explain that issue further.

Screenshots below show pages 10-13.

Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)

28. Have you EVER had a prior final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal initiated? Yes No

29. Have you EVER held lawful permanent resident status which was later revoked? Yes No

30. 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

31. Have you EVER applied for any kind of relief or protection from removal, exclusion, or deportation? Yes No

32. Have you EVER been a nonimmigrant exchange visitor who was subject to the two-year foreign stay limit? Yes No

33. Have you EVER been a student on F, J, or M nonimmigrant status? Yes No

34. Have you EVER been a defector or the second in a criminal proceeding (including pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or any worldwide application)? Yes No

35. Have you EVER been a defector or the second in a criminal proceeding (including pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or any worldwide application)? Yes No

36. 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

37. 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

38. Have you EVER directly (illegally) transferred or benefited from the trafficking of any controlled substance, such as chemicals, illegal drugs, or narcotics? Yes No

39. Have you EVER knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded in the illicit trafficking of any illegal narcotic or other controlled substance? Yes No

40. 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 illicit activity of your spouse or parent, although you know or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit resulted from the illicit activity of your spouse or parent? Yes No

Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)

41. Have you EVER engaged in prostitution or sex you consent to in the United States to engage in prostitution? Yes No

42. Have you EVER directly or indirectly provided (or attempted to provide) or imposed prohibition or persons for the purpose of prostitution? Yes No

43. Have you EVER received any proceeds or money from prostitution? Yes No

44. Do you intend to engage in any other form of commercialized vice, such as prostitution, bookmaking, or the sale of child pornography, while in the United States? Yes No

45. Have you EVER received immunity (diplomatic or otherwise) to avoid being prosecuted for a criminal offense in the United States? Yes No

46. Have you EVER, while serving as a foreign government official, been responsible for or directly carried out violations of religious freedoms? Yes No

47. Have you EVER induced by force, fraud, or coercion (or others who have involved in the trafficking of persons for commercial sex acts)? Yes No

48. 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

49. 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

50. 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 benefit from the illicit activity of your spouse or your parent, although you know or reasonably should have known that the benefit resulted from the illicit activity of your spouse or parent? Yes No

51. Have you EVER engaged in money laundering or have you EVER knowingly aided, abetted, 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

Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds (continued)

51. Engage in any activity that violates or evades any law relating to espionage (including spying) or sabotage in the United States? Yes No

52. 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

53. Engage in any activity whose purpose includes spying, recruiting, or preparing 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

54. Engage in any activity that could endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States? Yes No

55. Engage in any other unlawful activity? Yes No

56. 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

57. Are you EVER: 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

58. Participated in, or been a member of, a group or organization that did any of the activities described in Item Number 56.a? Yes No

59. Received money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support for any of the activities described in Item Number 56.a? Yes No

60. 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 56.a? Yes No

61. Received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training from a group or organization that did any of the activities described in Item Number 56.a? Yes No



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If you require special accommodations at an immigration-benefit-related appointment, answer "Yes" and select the relevant box in item 2.

Select the box applicable to you.

If you select 1.b., ask the interpreter to complete Part 11, items 1.a - 7.b., with his/her information.

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A-Number: A- []

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 disability and/or impairments? Yes No

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

1.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):)

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

1.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.)

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 understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

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Provide your telephone numbers and email address.



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Screenshots below show pages 17-18.

SKIP Part 12 if you did not use an attorney or preparer.

Leave all of Part 13 blank for now.

You will complete this section at your interview.

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)

Part 14. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

3.a. Page Number 3.b. Part Number 3.c. Item Number

3.d.

4.a. Page Number 4.b. Part Number 4.c. Item Number

4.d.

A-Number ▶ A-

5.a. Page Number 5.b. Part Number 5.c. Item Number

5.d.

5.e.

6.a. Page Number 6.b. Part Number 6.c. Item Number

6.d.

7.a. Page Number 7.b. Part Number 7.c. Item Number

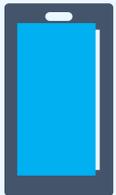
7.d.

Use this final page if you needed more space to complete any of your answers.



Passport Photos

- Include two passport-size photos (2 inches by 2 inches) for each applicant.
- The photos must be recent (not older than 30 days).
- The background of the photos must be white or cream.
- The photo must show the full head from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin.
- Center the head with the frame as shown.
- The beneficiary should face the camera with a neutral (non-smiling) expression.
- Print on photo paper if possible and cut to size (2 inches by 2 inches).



Scanning clear copies of documents with your phone

- Open the Notes App and select a note or create a new one.
- Tap the Camera button, then tap Scan Documents.
- Place your document in view of the camera.
- If your device is in Auto mode, your document will automatically scan. If you need to manually capture a scan, tap the Shutter button or one of the Volume buttons.
- Then drag the corners to adjust the scan to fit the page, then tap Keep Scan.
- Tap Save or add additional scans to the document.

Don't forget to **make a copy or scan of the whole application** for own your records before you file.

- All documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified English translation.
 - ✓ Do include high-quality color copies of the original with the certified translation into English on top.
 - ✗ **Do not submit original documents** to USCIS; a high-quality color scan of a document like your passport or a birth certificate is fine.
- **A professional translator is not necessary**, but the translator must certify and sign that he or she knows both English and the foreign language well enough to provide a faithful, correct translation.
- Translators can certify their translations by modifying the following language and inserting it at the end of the translated document along with their signature and the date of the translation:



I, [NAME], am fluent in the English and [INSERT LANGUAGE NAME] languages. I have made the above translation from a copy of the original document [“TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT”] in the [INSERT ORIGINAL LANGUAGE] language and hereby certify that it is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge.

- **For example**, the following signed statement would properly certify a document’s translation:

I, Maria Escobar-Padilla, am fluent in the English and Spanish languages. I have made the above translation from a copy of the original document “Venezuelan Birth Certificate of Juan Alvarez-Perez” in the Spanish language and hereby certify that it is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge.

Maria Escobar-Padilla

Date: May 7, 2021



When Should I File?

- We recommend filing as soon as possible after you have accrued the necessary one year (365 days) of physical presence in the United States. Unless you have traveled outside the United States for any reason, this is usually a year from your entry date as listed on your travel document.



Check to make sure you have included all the necessary documents and made a copy for your records.

Where Should I Send My Application/s?

- The I-485 application must be filed at a designated USCIS lockbox. **For the most up-to-date filing address, please see the [USCIS website](#).**
- We recommend that you **send your application/s with registered mail.**
- **Keep the receipt and tracking number** for your records.



You Did It! What to Expect After Filing

- If you include a G-1145, **USCIS will text or e-mail the receipt number** of the filing to the address you provided. A receipt notice will also be sent to you in the mail.
- Your receipt notice will indicate which USCIS field office or service center is processing your filing. You can look up the expected processing times based on that location [here](#) and check the status of your individual case [here](#).
- USCIS may send a request for evidence or RFE to prompt you to send additional information or to request the sealed I-693 medical form if you have not yet submitted it.
- You **may or may not be required to complete an interview** before your Green Card is issued.
- Once you and USCIS have completed all the steps, **your Green Card will arrive in the mail.**



 **Notify USCIS if you change your address** to ensure that you receive all notices, RFEs, and your Green Card. Complete [Form AR-11 online to register your change of address](#).

We recommend having an attorney or accredited representative help you if you have factors that could complicate your case, such as a criminal conviction. The US government does not provide legal representatives, so you will need to find your own.

A [good legal representative](#) can give you the best chance for a good result on your complex case.

Who can represent me?

Licensed Attorney = Licensed Lawyer

The words lawyer and attorney refer to the same job. Only lawyers who have a **valid bar license from a US state** or territory should practice law. There are many kinds of law. For asylum or other complex immigration filings, you will most likely want an **immigration attorney**, a person who specializes in US immigration law. Immigration lawyers may be in private practice on their own or they may work at a law firm or another organization like a non-profit or charity.

Accredited Representative

The US Department of Justice authorizes certain non-profit legal service providers to employ accredited representatives. Accredited representatives are not attorneys but are qualified to represent immigrants. [Click here](#) for the list of all active recognized organizations and their accredited representatives.

Where can I find immigration help? The following links are good starting points:

- The Executive Office of Immigration Review has a [list of free and low-cost legal service providers](#) that you can search by state.
- Immigration Advocates Network has a [directory of free or low-cost immigration legal services](#) as well.
- The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) allows you to search for individual lawyers based on the type of help you need and language that the lawyer speaks. Lawyers on [AILA's Lawyer Search](#) are AILA members and have a currently valid state bar license.

Costs Vary.

- It is always a good idea to ask about the fees and any payment options in advance and agree to the price in writing.
- Some lawyers and organizations offer immigration legal services **pro bono**, meaning for free or at a low cost (often based on your income).

This page offers some tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of immigration fraud and ensure that a legal representative is worthy of your trust.

Check that the legal representative you are considering has the right credentials.

- **Attorneys must be properly licensed to practice law.** This means they will have a bar license or number from a state or territory.
 - Because immigration laws are federal (and do not vary by state), immigration attorneys may be licensed to practice law in another state from the state where you live. You can ask the attorney to specify the states in which s/he is admitted.
 - If you are represented by law students through a university law clinic, those students should be supervised by a fully licensed attorney who can practice law.
- **All accredited representatives are listed [here on the Department of Justice website](#).**
- Check here to make sure your legal representative **does not** appear on [the list of people disciplined for or banned from practicing immigration law](#).

Other tips to protect yourself.

- ✓ • **Be sure you have copies of or access to all filings made for you.** You have a right to this information and may need it in the future.
- ✗ • **Do not sign blank forms or documents.** Counsel must allow you to review the completed forms and accompanying materials before signing. You will be personally responsible for the information they contain.
- **Do not pay for forms.** All forms are available for free on the USCIS website.
- **If your representative asks you to include or say something you know is not true, do not do it!** Find new counsel immediately because this person is not honest. Lies on immigration forms can have serious consequences for your immigration case, and explaining that your counsel told you to lie will not keep those consequences from happening. Please do not risk it.