

Documents Typically Used by Lawfully Present Immigrants

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The table below lists the documents that various categories of lawfully present individuals may have. Some people who are lawfully present in the U.S. may have documents that are not listed here, while some will not have ready access to these documents. The specific immigration codes and categories could be helpful in identifying individuals who may be eligible for ACA coverage or certain public benefit programs.

STATUS	FORMS & CODES	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTIONS
Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form I-551 Form I-151 Form I-327 Form I-181 Form I-797 (I-90 receipt) Form I-94 or 94A (with LPR Stamp) Foreign Passport (with Temporary I-551) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Green card” (Form I-551) or earlier versions: I-151, AR-2 and AR-3; Foreign Passport with Temporary I-551, Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) or stamped “I-551” Reentry permit (I-327); Receipt from USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) indicating that an I-90 application to replace LPR card has been filed; Memorandum of Creation of Lawful Permanent Residence with approval stamp (I-181); I-94 or I-94A Arrival/Departure Record with stamp indicating admission for lawful permanent residence (including printed online version); Order issued by the INS/DHS, an immigration judge, the BIA, or a federal court granting registry, suspension of deportation, cancellation of removal, or adjustment of status; <i>or</i> Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Amerasian LPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form I-551 or other proof of LPR status Special LPR Codes: AM-1, AM-2, AM-3, AM-6, AM-7, or AM-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any of the LPR documents listed above with one of the following codes: AM-1, AM-2, AM-3, AM-6, AM-7, or AM-8; <i>or</i> Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document specifying Amerasian status. <p>NOTE: Although any LPR documents will establish lawful presence, the codes listed here pertain only to the specific Vietnamese Amerasians who qualify for the “Refugee Exemption,” which may be relevant to eligibility for certain benefits.</p>



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Applicant for Adjustment to LPR Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 (I-485 receipt or appointment notice) • Form I-797 Receipt Notice (I-765, Category C9) • I-766 EAD (coded C9) • Form I-512 (indicating AOS) 	<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; • Form I-797 ASC Appointment Notice with Case Type “I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status”; • I-766 employment authorization document (EAD) coded 274a.12(c)(9) or C9 or C9P; • I-797 receipt for I-765 Application for Employment Authorization based on C9; • I-512 authorization for parole, indicating applicant for adjustment of status; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Refugee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or I-94A (coded “refugee or § 207) • I-766 EAD (coded A3 or A4) • Form I-571 • Form I-551 (coded R8-6, RE-6, RE-7, RE-8, or RE-9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or I-94A Arrival/Departure Record (including online printed version) or passport stamped “refugee” or “§ 207”; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(3) or A3; or (a)(4) or “A4” (paroled as a refugee); • Refugee travel document (I-571); <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS or other authoritative document. <p>NOTE: If adjusted to LPR status, I-551 may be coded R8-6, RE-6, RE-7, RE-8, or RE-9.</p>
Conditional Entrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or 94A (coded: “conditional entrant, Seventh Preference; 203(a)(7) or P7”) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94, I-94A Arrival/Departure Record (including online printed version), or other document indicating status as “conditional entrant,” “Seventh Preference,” § 203(a)(7), or P7; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Asylee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or 94A (coded: “asylee or § 208”) • I-766 EAD (coded A5) • Form I-571 • Form I-551 (coded AS-6, AS-7, AS-8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94, I-94A Arrival/Departure Record (including printed online version), or passport stamped “asylee” or “§208”; • Order granting asylum issued by the INS, DHS, an immigration judge, the BIA, or a federal court; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(5) or A5; • Refugee travel document (I-571); <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document. <p>NOTE: If adjusted to LPR status, I-551 may be coded AS-6, AS-7, or AS-8.</p>



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Granted Employment Authorization based on approved I-140 application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-766 EAD (coded C35 or C36) • Form I-797 Approval Notice (I-140 for E-3, H-1B, H-1B1, or O-1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(35) or C35 274a.12(c)(36) or C36 (derivatives) – sometimes called “compelling circumstances”; <i>or</i> • Receipt or notice showing approved I-140 for E-3, H1B, H-1B1, or O-1 nonimmigrant status
Granted Withholding of Deportation or Withholding of Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court order • I-766 EAD (coded A10) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order granting withholding of deportation or removal issued by the INS, DHS, an immigration judge, the BIA, or a federal court; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(10) or A10; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Granted Withholding of Deportation/ Removal under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Order • I-766 EAD (coded A10) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order granting withholding of deportation or removal under CAT, issued by an immigration judge, the BIA, or a federal court; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(10) or A10; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Applicant for Asylum or Withholding of Deportation/ Removal, including under CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Receipt Notice (I-589) • Form I-589 (filed stamped by the immigrant court) • Court documents indicating filed or pending I-589 or asylum application • I-766 EAD (coded C8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or notice showing filing or pending status of Form I-589 Application for Asylum and Withholding or CAT; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(8) or C8; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Cuban or Haitian Entrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94 “Cuban-Haitian Entrant” • Court document or receipt of pending I-589 or asylum proceeding • I-766 EAD (coded C8 or C11) • I-551 card or passport stamp (coded CAA66, CB1, CB2, CB6, CB7, CH6, CNP, CU6, CU7, CU8, CU9, CUO, CUP, NC6, NC7, NC8, NC9, HA6, HA7, HA8, HA9, HB6, HB7, HB8, HB9, HC6, HC7, HC8, HC9, HD6, HD7, HD8, HD9, HE6, HE7, HE8, HE9 (or possibly LB1, LB2, LB6, or LB7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 with a stamp indicating “Cuban/Haitian entrant” (this may be rare, as it has not been used since 1980) or any other notation indicating “parole,” any documents indicating pending exclusion or deportation proceedings; • Any documents indicating a pending asylum application, including a receipt from an INS Asylum Office indicating filing of Form I-589 application for asylum; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(8) or C8, or 274a.12(c)(11) or C11; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document. • Individuals who have adjusted to LPR status may have I-551 cards or temporary I-551 stamps in foreign passports (see codes). • NOTE: Cubans or Haitians with the codes LB1, LB2, LB6, or LB7 may also qualify. These codes were used for individuals granted LPR status under any of the 1986 legalization provisions including Cuban/Haitian entrants.



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Paroled into the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 (coded “Parole” or PIP or 212(d)(5)) • I-766 EAD (coded A4 or C11) • Form I-551 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or I-94A indicating “parole” or “PIP” or “212(d)(5),” or other language indicating parole status; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(4), 274a.12(c)(11), A4, or C11; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document. <p>NOTE: If subsequently adjusted to LPR status, may have I-551 card (for Lautenberg parolees, these may be coded LA).</p>
Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-766 EAD (coded A12) • Form I-797 Approval Notice (TPS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(12) or A12; • Form I-797 Notice of Action showing grant of TPS status; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Applicant for TPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Receipt Notice (I-821) • Form I-766 EAD (coded C19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or notice showing filing or pending status of Form I-821 (Application for Temporary Protected Status); • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(19) or C19; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Granted Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-766 EAD (coded A11) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(11) or A11; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Granted Deferred Action (including DACA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797 Receipt Notice (Deferred Action or DACA Approved) • I-766 EAD (coded C14 or C33) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Notice of Action or other form showing approval of deferred action status; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(14) or C14, and DACA (c)(33) or C33; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Applicant for or Approved Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Receipt or Approval Notice (I-360) • Form I-797 Approval Notice (I-485, coded SL6) • Form I-551 (coded SL6) • I-766 EAD (coded C14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Notice of Action Special Immigrant Juvenile Receipt Notice; • Form I-797 Notice of Action Special Immigrant Juvenile Approval Notice; • Form I-797 Welcome Notice/Approval of I-485, “Other Basis of Adjustment SL6”; • I-766 coded 274a.12(c)(14) or C14 (individual granted deferred action status); • I-551 coded “SL6”; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.



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<p>“Qualified” Domestic Violence Survivor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Approval Notice (I-130 coded IR or P-2) • Form I-797 Approval Notice (Prima Facie Case) • Form I-797 Receipt Notice (I-360 or I-485) • Court documents confirming filing of I-360, I-485 and/or EOIR-40 or EOIR-42 • I-766 EAD (coded C31, A10, C10 or C14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or other proof of filing I-130 (visa petition) under immediate relative (IR) or 2nd family preference (P-2) showing status as a spouse or child; • Form I-360 (application to qualify as abused spouse, child, or parent under the VAWA); • Form I-797 Notice of Action referencing pending I-130 or I-360 or finding establishment of a prima facie case; • Receipt or other proof of filing I-485 Application for Adjustment of Status on basis of an immediate relative or family 2nd preference petition or VAWA application; • Any documents indicating a pending suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal case, including a receipt from an immigration court indicating filing of Form EOIR-40 (Application for Suspension of Deportation) or EOIR-42 (Application for Cancellation of Removal); • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(10) or A10 (applicant for suspension of deportation) or 274a.12(c)(14) or C14 (individual granted deferred action status); • I-766 EAD coded 274.a.12(c)(9) or C9 (applicant for adjustment) or 274a.12(c)(10) or C10 (applicant for suspension of deportation) or 274a.12(c)(14) or C14 (individual granted deferred action status) or C31 (individual with approved VAWA self-petition); <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.



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Victim of Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-766 (coded A16 or C40) • Form I-797 Approval Notice (for I-914, I-539, CP or Bona Fide Determination) • Form I-512 (coded T-1) • Form I-551 (coded ST6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) or Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR); • ORR eligibility letter (if under 18); • Certification status verified through HHS Trafficking Verification Line 202-401-5510 or 866-401-5510; • I-914 (T status application); • I-766 coded 274a.12(a)(16 or A16) or 274a.12(c)(40) or C40 • Form I-797 approval notice for Bona Fide Determination • Form I-797 approval notice for “CP” (continued presence); • Form I-797 indicating approval of T-1 Status; • Form I-797 approving and I-539 and/or stating “Extension of T or U Nonimmigrant Status”; • I-512 authorization for parole, indicating T-1 status; • I-551 coded ST6; <i>or</i> • Any verification from HHS, INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Derivative Beneficiary of Trafficking Survivor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Approval Notice (I-914A or I-539) • I-94 or passport stamp (coded: T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5) • Form I-512 (coded T-2, T-3, T-5) • Form I-551 (coded ST7, ST8, ST9, ST0) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of approved I-914A petition (derivative T status); • I-94 or passport stamped T-2, T-3, T-4, or T-5; • Form I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval of T-2, T-3, T-4 or T-5 status; • I-766 EAD coded (c)(25) or C25; • Form I-797 Approval notice of I-539 or stating: “Extension of T or U Nonimmigrant Status”; • I-512 authorization for parole, indicating T-2, T-3, T-4 or T-5 status; • I-551 card coded ST7, ST8, ST9, or ST0; <i>or</i> • Any verification from HHS, INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.



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Nonimmigrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94 (any non-immigrant visa) • I-797 Approval Notice (I-539, S, T, U or V nonimmigrant visas) • I-766 EAD (any code indicating non-immigrant status) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 or I-94A Arrival/Departure Record (or printed online version) or passport indicating admission to U.S. with nonimmigrant visa; • Receipt for Form I-102 Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document; • I-797 approving I-539 application to extend/change nonimmigrant status; • I-797 approving application for S, T, U, or V nonimmigrant status; • I-766 EAD or other INS/DHS document indicating nonimmigrant status; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Citizen of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-94 or passport (coded CFA/RMI) • I-766 EAD (coded A8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94 (including printed online version) or passport noted as “CFA/RMI” or “CFA/FSM” or “CFA/PAL”; • I-766 coded (a)(8) or A8; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Lawful Temporary Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-688 Temporary Resident Card • I-766 EAD (coded A2) • I-797 Receipt Notice (I-698, § 245A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-688 Temporary Resident Card; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(2) or A2; • Form I-698 Application to Adjust from Temporary to Permanent Residence under INA § 245A; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document indicating eligibility under INA §§210 or 245A.
Applicant for Legalization under IRCA or the LIFE Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-766 EAD (coded C20, C22, C24) • I-797 Receipt Notice (I-687, § 245A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(20), (c)(22), or (c)(24) or C20, C22 or C24; • Receipt for I-687 Application for Temporary Residence under INA § 245A; • Passport, with stamp or writing by INS/DHS officer, indicating pending §245 application; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Family Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-797 Approval Notice (I-817) • I-766 EAD (coded A13) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or notice showing approval of I-817 Application for Family Unity; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(13) or A13; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.



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Applicant for Cancellation of Removal or Suspension of Deportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or court document showing filing of EOIR-40, EOIR-42, or I-881 • I-766 EAD (coded A10) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or 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-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(10) or C10; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Order of Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICE Form 220B • I-766 EAD (coded C18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICE Form 220B or other notice showing release under Order of Supervision; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(18) or C18; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.
Registry Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-797 Receipt Notice (I-485) • I-766 EAD (coded C16) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt or notice showing filing Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status; • I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(c)(16) or C16; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS or other authoritative document.
Stay of Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court order (issuing stay) • ICE Stay of Removal (Form I-246) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative or court order granting stay of removal issued by the Department of Homeland Security, an immigration judge, the BIA, or a federal court; • ICE Stay of Removal approving Form I-246; <i>or</i> • Any verification from the INS, DHS, or other authoritative document.

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| BIA - Board of Immigration Appeals | EOIR - Executive Office for Immigration Review | LPR - Lawful Permanent Resident |
| CAT - Convention Against Torture | HHS - U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services | ORR - Office of Refugee Resettlement |
| CMS - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services | ICE - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement | OTIP - Office on Trafficking in Persons |
| CP - Continued Presence | INA - Immigration and Naturalization Act | USCIS - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services |
| DHS - U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security | INS - Immigration and Naturalization Service | VAWA - Violence Against Women Act |
| EAD - Employment Authorization Document (physical card) | IR - Immediate Relative | |