

**Topic: Rights and Responsibilities
(International Catholic Migration Commission, Turkey)**

Activity: Status, Rights, and Restrictions in the U.S.

Objective

This activity will increase participant knowledge of their status, rights, and restrictions upon arrival and up to five years after they have resettled in the U.S. Through matching different statuses with appropriate documents, rights and restrictions, participants will learn about their status, rights and restrictions.

Lesson Time

30-40 minutes

Materials

- Flashcards: "Status," "Documents," "Rights," and "Restrictions"
- Question cards (see samples below)
- Activity worksheet for each participant (see sample below)
- Writing implements

Practice

1. Distribute activity worksheets and writing implements to each participant. Divide participants into three groups, A, B and C. Assign each group a status (refugee; permanent resident; citizen) and distribute the appropriate question card to each group. If there are illiterate people among the group, make sure to mix the literate and illiterate in each group.
2. Hand out one flashcard to each group.
3. Let each group review their card for 10 minutes and ask them to match the documents, rights, and restrictions with the status they have been assigned by using the question cards.
4. Ask each group to choose a reporter to give their group's answers to the rest of participants. Participants complete their individual worksheets during the presentations as they are given accurate information.

Question Cards

Group A: Refugee

You have been living in the U.S. for the past eight months. You have refugee status. Answer the following questions by circling the correct answers on the worksheet.

- What kind of document do you have?
- What rights do you have?
- What restrictions do you have?
- When does this document expire?
- When can you change your status and apply for permanent residence?
- Where are you going to send your application for this document?
- Could your application for permanent residency be turned down?

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Group B: Permanent Resident

You have been living in the U.S. for three years. You have permanent resident status. Answer the following questions by putting an "x" beside the correct answers on the worksheet.

- What kind of document do you have?
- What rights do you have?
- What restrictions do you have?
- When does this document expire?
- When can you apply for citizenship?
- Where will you apply?
- Could your application for citizenship be denied?

Group C: U.S. Citizen

You are a U.S. citizen. Answer the following questions by putting a check mark in front of the correct answers on the worksheet.

- What kind of document do you have?
- What rights do you have?
- What restrictions do you have?
- What is the procedure for gaining U.S. citizenship?
- When does this document expire?
- Can citizenship be taken away?

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Activity Worksheet: Status, Rights, and Restrictions

The table below shows the status, rights, and restrictions upon arrival and up to five years after a refugee has resettled in the United States. In this activity, participants will form three groups and match the documents, rights, and restrictions with the status they have been assigned. Please tick the box for each document, right, and restriction that corresponds to each status.

	<i>Refugee</i>	<i>Permanent Resident</i>	<i>Citizen</i>
Documents			
I-94			
Green Card			
U.S. Passport			
Rights			
Travel throughout the U.S.			
Right to attend school			
Right to work			
Right to apply for family reunification			
Right to join the army			
Right to own property			
Right to vote			
Right to apply for social assistance			
Same human rights as all Americans			
Restrictions			
You can apply for a U.S. passport			
You can work for any foreign government			
You can travel outside of the U.S.			
You can stay out of the U.S. for longer than 6 months and return			

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