

Steps for Refugees to Adjust Status



1. Arrive in the United States with refugee status.



2. Attend all health appointments and get the immunizations you need. Avoid trouble with the law.



3. Make an appointment with an authorized immigration specialist.



4. With the help of an authorized immigration specialist, apply for adjustment of status to a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR).



5. Receive LPR status and your Green Card.



6. Continue to learn English, avoid trouble with the law, and pay taxes.



7. After 4 years and 9 months in the United States, make an appointment with an authorized immigration specialist and apply for U.S. citizenship. You will need to take a written and oral test in English.



8. When the application is accepted, swear in as a citizen of the United States.

Refugee Adjustment of Status Flowchart

Adjusting Your Status from Refugee (I-94) to Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR; Green Card): Adjustment of status is required. Refugees who do not begin the process of adjustment of status are violating their immigration visa and are at risk of immigration penalties, including being expelled from the United States.



1. After 1 year in the United States, ask your case worker/ manager to refer you to an authorized immigration specialist.



2. Make an appointment with the authorized immigration specialist.



3. Meet with the authorized immigration specialist to find out what steps you need to take to adjust your status to that of a Lawful Permanent Resident.



4. With the help of the authorized immigration specialist, do the following:



- a. Make an appointment at a doctor's office to fill out the Vaccination Check (Form I-693).



- b. Fill out the application for permanent residency (Form I-485).



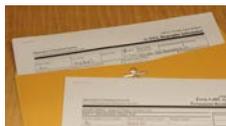
- c. Obtain two passport-style photos.



- d. Make a copy of your Form I-94 (proving your refugee status).



- e. Fill out the biographic form (Form G-325A).



5. Submit your application with all required documents for permanent residency.



6. You will receive a notice stating that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received your application.



7. You will next receive an appointment for biometrics (fingerprints). You must attend the appointment to have your fingerprints taken.



8. You may receive a notice to go for an interview with USCIS.



9. USCIS will send you a letter telling you whether they have approved your application or not.

U.S. Laws and Refugee Status Unit Vocabulary Worksheet 1

Directions: Match the words on the left to the pictures on the right. The first one is done for you.

Words

ambulance

fire

police

fire extinguisher

fire alarm

Green Card

lock

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Pictures



