

.04 Alien Status Codes

Alien Status Codes are used by USCIS to indicate a noncitizen's specific immigration status.

Sometimes one or both of the following are written by USCIS directly on the immigration documents:

- Status Codes
- The section of immigration law under which the noncitizen is granted residence in the U.S.

These Status Codes and Section-of-Law annotations display on the most commonly issued USCIS documents.

The immigration document may not display either a Status Code or the section of law under which residence in the U.S. is granted. Request the applicant go to USCIS to get proof of their immigration status. Until the proof is provided, the applicant is ineligible for CA, NA, and full services MA.

The applicant may provide a document with an Alien Status Code or displays the section of law under which they are granted residence in the U.S. Use the type of document and either the Status Code or section of law to determine [qualified noncitizen](#) eligibility. (See [Noncitizen Alien Identification Cards](#))

Verify noncitizen status at the interview or prior to approval. Complete this through the [Verification Information System](#) (VIS).