

.05 Date of Entry Verification

Document the date the [qualified noncitizen](#) entered the U.S. as verified from the documents provided in the [case file\(g\)](#) and verified from [VIS](#). Key the Date of Entry in the ENTRY DATE field on IDCI.

In some instances the qualified noncitizen may legally enter the U.S. under one status and later become a qualified noncitizen. When a noncitizen legally enters the U.S. before August 22, 1996, but becomes a qualified noncitizen afterward, the following apply:

- The actual arrival date is the Date of Entry. This is true when the noncitizen lives in the U.S. continuously from their arrival date until qualified noncitizen status is granted.
- This Date of Entry may not be indicated on the USCIS document presented by the noncitizen. The noncitizen must additionally provide the USCIS form [I-94](#) that they receive upon initial entry into the U.S.
- Lived continuously in the U.S. means that the noncitizen is not out of the country for more than 30 consecutive days or more than 90 days total.

NOTE For eligibility purposes, use only the Date of Entry displaying on the USCIS document or verified through VIS.