

07 Noncitizen Status (NOCS) – Overview

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A Refugee or Amerasian is an individual who has fled their country to escape invasion, oppression, or persecution.

Refugee or Amerasian status is granted by USCIS for seven years and the noncitizen is potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA. A Refugee or Amerasian who does NOT change their status loses eligibility for CA and NA at the end of the seven year period.

MA EXCEPTION

The seven year period does not apply. There is no maximum time limit for MA.

A Refugee or Amerasian who is later granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status is potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA based on their previous status.

NOTE Refugee Resettlement Offices have designated FAA staff that determine eligibility for newly arrived refugees. They are the only staff that key the RE Citizenship code on IDCI.