

.03 Cuban or Haitian Entrant

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A Cuban or Haitian entrant is an individual who has fled to the U.S. from either Cuba or Haiti to escape oppression or persecution.

NOTE Haitian nationals who resided in the United States on 01/12/2010, were granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to the earthquake in their country. TPS does not satisfy qualified non-citizenship eligibility criteria. Therefore, they are not eligible for NA or CA, unless they meet other qualifying criteria.

Cuban or Haitian Entrant status is granted by USCIS for seven years. A Cuban or Haitian entrant noncitizen is potentially eligible for NA and CA.

A Cuban or Haitian entrant who is later granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status is potentially eligible for NA and CA based on their previous status.

The Haitian Family Reunification Parole program (HFRP) allows Haitian beneficiaries of family-based immigrants the opportunity to apply for a grant of parole for approximately two years while residing in the U.S with their family. Those approved for the HFRP program will be paroled into the U.S. as Cuban-Haitian entrants. This allows them to be eligible for NA benefits without a waiting period.