

F Qualified Noncitizen Documents- Overview

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Noncitizens who are in the U.S. legally have been given a document by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Many of the documents provided to noncitizens contain additional codes or annotations that indicate the classification status.

Review the documents to establish whether the noncitizen is in the U.S. in a qualified or nonqualified status.

WARNING

Permanent Resident Cards, commonly known as green cards, that say "signature waived" are acceptable immigration documents that benefit applicants may present to authorized federal, state and local benefit-issuing agencies registered with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE).

USCIS qualified classifications are identified by the following:

- [Lawful Permanent Resident \(LPR\)](#)
 - I-551
 - I-151
 - I-181a
 - I-94 annotated with Processed for I-551

WARNING

Effective 08/01/92, USCIS began the "USCIS Green Card (I-151) Replacement Program" for noncitizens who had cards issued before 07/01/79. The original replacement deadline for noncitizens to update their card from an I-151 to an I-551 was set for 09/20/94. This deadline was extended to 03/20/96. The holders of the I-151 are Lawful Permanent Resident noncitizens and retaining the card does not change their status or the validity of their status. However, USCIS strongly urges applicants and participants presenting an I-151 issued before 1979 to contact USCIS and apply for the replacement Form I-551.

- [Asylee](#)

I-94 stamped admitted under Section 208

I-688B (Employment Authorization) with provision of law code 274a.12(a)(5)

I-730 Approval letter

I-766 (Employment Authorization) displaying A5

I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)

Approval letter from USCIS

An order from an Immigration Judge granting asylum

A written decision from the Board of Immigration Appeals

- [Cuban or Haitian Entrant](#)

I-94 stamped paroled pursuant to Section 212(d)(5)

NOTE Cuban\Haitian entrants are treated the same as refugees or asylees.

- [Deportation Withheld](#)

I-94 with an order from an Immigration Judge showing either of the following:

- Deportation withheld under 243(h)
- Removal withheld under 241(b)(3)

I-688B (Employment Authorization) with provision of law code 274a.12(a)(10)

I-766 (Employment Authorization) displaying A10

- [Indefinite Detainee](#)

Order of Supervision (I-220B) form

I-688B (Employment Authorization) with provision of law code 274a.12(c)(18)

I-766 (Employment Authorization) displaying A18

- [Parolee](#)

I-94 stamped paroled pursuant to Section 212(d)(5)

I-688B (Employment Authorization) with provision of law code 274a.12(a)(4)

I-766 (Employment Authorization) displaying A4

Letter from USCIS showing a grant of parole pursuant to Section 212(d)(5)

NOTE The document must not be expired, and the expiration date must be at least one year after the issuance date

- [Refugee or Amerasian](#)

I-94 card or electronic admission record indicating admitted under Section 207

I-688B (Employment Authorization) with provision of law code 274a.12(a)(3)

I-766 (Employment Authorization) displaying A3

I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)

Letter from USCIS granting admission as a refugee

- [Severe Trafficking Victim](#)

I-94 annotated with a T Visa or Derivative T Visa

Passport annotated with a T Visa or Derivative T Visa

I-797, Notice of Action, annotated with one of the following T Visa or Derivative T Visa Class of Admissions Codes: T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, and T-5

- [Special Immigrant VISA's](#)

Visa issued by USCIS verifying the noncitizen has been admitted under section 101(a)(27) of INA, and that indicates one of the following Class of Admission Codes: SI1, SI2, SI3, SI6, SI7, SI9 SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, SQ6, SQ7, and SQ9.