

.01 Sponsored Noncitizens - Eligibility Requirements

Sponsored [noncitizens with a military connection](#) are potentially eligible for benefits. In addition, the following sponsored noncitizens are eligible for the following programs:

- For CA, noncitizens who have been continuously [lawfully residing\(q\)](#) in the U.S., AND their date of entry is five years in the past.

CA EXCEPTION

Applicants who are sponsored by an agency or organization are ineligible for benefits unless they meet one of the conditions listed in [Noncitizens Sponsored by an Agency](#).

- For NA, noncitizens who have [40 quarters of coverage](#) regardless of their date of entry.

WARNING

When the sponsored noncitizen meets the eligibility criteria for NA but has not been in the U.S. the specified number of years from their date of entry for CA or MA (see [LPR](#)), key EF in the CI field on IDCI. Keying EF allows potential eligibility for NA, a [Federal Emergency Services](#) determination for MA, and ineligibility for CA (when DI is keyed in the PT field on SEPA).

See [Noncitizen Alien Identification](#) to find [I-151](#) and [I-551](#) alien ID cards with Status Codes that identify noncitizens who may be sponsored by any individual, agency, or organization.