

H Determining Noncitizen Status

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To determine noncitizen status, complete the following:

- Ask the noncitizen for their USCIS documentation. When the participant states they have lost their documentation, it is their responsibility to contact USCIS to obtain replacement documents. Allow 20 days for the noncitizen to provide the documents.

MA WARNING

A noncitizen without documentation is potentially eligible for FES MA only.

- When the document is provided, compare the document to the documents listed in qualified noncitizen documents. When the document is one of the qualified noncitizen documents, the noncitizen has a qualified status.

NOTE Each USCIS document contains additional information that specifies noncitizen status.

- When the noncitizen has a qualified status, see [Qualified Noncitizens](#) to determine specific program eligibility requirements for the qualified noncitizen.

NOTE Use VIS to verify the noncitizen's immigration status prior to authorizing benefits.

- When the noncitizen entered the U.S. with a nonqualified status, VIS is not required and the noncitizen is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for benefits as long as the status is current.

MA EXCEPTION

When the nonqualified status has expired, the noncitizen is potentially eligible for FES, when Arizona residency requirements are met.