

Citizens and Eligible Non-citizens

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I. Summary

The information in this handbook covers processes that were previously detailed in the General Assistance (GA) regulations and **Handbook 90-2.11, Legalized Aliens**, dated Dec. 1, 1991. All process information was moved from the regulations to handbooks.

Handbook 90-2.11 (referred to above) is now obsolete. This handbook provides information on individuals who are US citizens, as well as non-citizens who are eligible for GA. Non-citizens whose residency status is not identified below are ineligible for GA.

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II. General

All citizens are potentially eligible for GA. Non-citizens identified in section B may also be eligible. Citizenship or eligible non-citizen status must be verified with birth verification, certificate of naturalization, or valid US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documentation.

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III. Specifics

1. US Citizens

Individuals born in a US state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or other US territories and commonwealths are citizens.

Individuals who are naturalized are citizens.

2. Non-citizens

Ineligible non-citizens:

Individuals who have entered the US on tourist, visitor, student, temporary, or diplomatic visas.

Non-citizens with the following residency statuses are potentially eligible for GA.

3. All individuals granted permanent resident status, verified by USCIS form I-151, I-551, or a Re-entry Permit.

- Individuals residing under the color of law (PRUCOL) listed below:
- Conditional Entrants (refugees) per the USCIS regulations whose status has not been terminated by the US Attorney General.
- Conditional Entrants may verify their status with USCIS form I-94 that is annotated “conditional entry,” “conditional entrant,” “political asylum,” or “refugee.”
- Parolees per the USCIS regulations.
- Parolees may verify their status with USCIS form I-94 citing the above regulatory section.
- Individuals granted an indefinite stay of deportation per the USCIS regulations.
- Stays of deportation may be verified by a letter from the USCIS or by a court order citing the above section.
- Individuals who have been granted an indefinite voluntary departure in lieu of deportation.
- Indefinite voluntary departure may be verified by a letter from USCIS or a court order.
- Individuals lawfully admitted to the US who meet the following conditions:
 - Have left their sponsor due to domestic violence.
 - Have established a self-petitioned prima facie case as meeting classification under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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- Have applied for and are pursuing permanent resident status or
- Are granted a temporary stay of departure that has not expired.
- Individuals who have verified, they have applied for a T visa under the US Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.
- T visa status must be verified that the individual has made an application for T visa status by USCIS documentation.
- Individuals with verified applications for U visa status under the US Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.
- U visa status must be verified by USCIS documentation indicating that an application was made.
- Individuals with approved requests for adjustment to permanent resident status.
- Adjustment approvals may be verified with USCIS form I-181-B (Notice to Alien, from USCIS).
- Haitian Nationals
- Haitian nationals granted entrant status may be verified with USCIS form I-94S. This is a pink and white laminated photo I.D. card, and includes the individual's name, birth date, non-citizen identification number, and fingerprint. The date of parole and the expiration date are listed on the back.

NOTE:

The following verification is not sufficient to establish eligibility for GA.

USCIS forms I-94 A to I-94 L (lawful admittance to the US for temporary residence).
USCIS form I-181-A (application for adjustment to permanent status).

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IV. References

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