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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Adjustment of Status Interview Guidelines and Waiver Criteria

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding adjustment of status interview guidelines and interview waivers.

Background

Certain foreign nationals in the United States may file an application with USCIS to adjust their status to lawful permanent resident status. All adjustment of status applicants must be interviewed by an officer unless USCIS determines that the interview is unnecessary.

This update affects Volume 7, Part A of the Policy Manual. These updates will improve the detection of fraud, misrepresentation, and risk of harm to the United States, as well as provide additional identity, eligibility, and credibility verification. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

Policy Highlights

- Clarifies that USCIS interviews all adjustment of status applicants unless USCIS waives the interview.
- Updates the list of types of adjustment of status cases in which USCIS might waive the interview by removing employment-based and fiancé(e)-based adjustment cases from the list.
- Edits the guidance on relocating cases for adjustment interviews to be consistent with the updated list of cases in which USCIS might waive the interview.

Citation

Volume 7: Adjustment of Status, Part A, Adjustment of Status Policies and Procedures, Chapter 5, Interview Guidelines [[7 USCIS-PM A.5](#)].