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Homeland Security

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Dear Stakeholder,

[The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman](#) (CIS Ombudsman) is sending this message to let you know that the filing period for certain Liberian nationals and family members to apply for adjustment of status under the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) provision has been extended from one year to two years (see Sec. 901 of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#)). Individuals who are applying to adjust status based on LRIF, must properly file Form I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and USCIS must receive the form by December 20, 2021.

Background

Enacted on December 20, 2019, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 included the LRIF

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provision that provides an opportunity for certain Liberian nationals and their spouses, unmarried children under 21 years old, and unmarried sons and daughters 21 years old or older living in the United States who meet the eligibility requirements to apply for lawful permanent resident status.

More Information

For additional details and USCIS guidance on how to file for lawful permanent resident status (green card) under the LRIF provision, please see USCIS' [LRIF webpage](#).

The CIS Ombudsman will continue to work on requests for case assistance regarding LRIF and will share further updates on this topic as appropriate.

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