



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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## Updates

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#### Technical Update - Replacing the Term “Foreign National”

October 08, 2019

This technical update replaces all instances of the term “foreign national” with “alien” throughout the Policy Manual as used to refer to a person who meets the definition provided in INA 101(a)(3) [“any person not a citizen or national of the United States”].

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[1 USCIS-PM - Volume 1 - General Policies and Procedures](#)

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[10 USCIS-PM - Volume 10 - Employment Authorization](#)

[11 USCIS-PM - Volume 11 - Travel and Identity Documents](#)

[12 USCIS-PM - Volume 12 - Citizenship and Naturalization](#)

#### Technical Update - Clarifying Policies and Procedures for Replacing Permanent Resident Cards

September 27, 2019

This technical update clarifies that, in circumstances involving the replacement or reissuance of a Permanent Resident Card, an Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (Form I-90) is always required as outlined in form instructions and regulations. This may differ from the general reissuance policy.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[11 USCIS-PM A.3 - Chapter 3 - Reissuance of Secure Identity Documents](#)

### POLICY ALERT - Defining “Residence” in Statutory Provisions Related to Citizenship

August 28, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to address requirements for “residence” in statutory provisions related to citizenship, and to rescind previous guidance regarding children of U.S. government employees and members of the U.S. armed forces employed or stationed outside the United States. This guidance becomes effective October 29, 2019.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM H - Part H - Children of U.S. Citizens](#)

[12 USCIS-PM I - Part I - Military Members and their Families](#)

### POLICY ALERT - Employment Authorization for Parolees

August 19, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating its existing policies on the exercise of discretion to address the use of discretion when assessing if certain foreign nationals who are paroled into the United States should be employment authorized.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[10 USCIS-PM B.2 - Chapter 2 - Parolees](#)

### Technical Update - Civil Surgeon Designation and Revocation

June 06, 2019

This technical update changes language to state that USCIS officers “may” refer proposed civil surgeon designation  
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revocations to the USCIS Office of Chief Counsel for review. Previously, the language specified that USCIS counsel “must” review any proposed civil surgeon designation revocation.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM C.4 - Chapter 4 - Termination and Revocation](#)

## Technical Update - Fraud and Willful Misrepresentation and Department of State’s 90-Day Rule

June 05, 2019

This technical update incorporates clarifications regarding the Department of State (DOS)'s "90-day rule." While this "rule" does not apply to USCIS because it is DOS policy, USCIS is clarifying that it may also find that an applicant made a willful misrepresentation due to a status violation or conduct in the United States that is inconsistent with the applicant's prior representations, especially where the violation or conduct occurred shortly after the consular interview or admission to the United States.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM J.3 - Chapter 3 - Adjudicating Inadmissibility](#)

## POLICY ALERT - USCIS Public Services

May 10, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual regarding services USCIS provides to the public, including general administration of certain immigration benefits, online tools, and up-to-date information.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[1 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Public Services](#)

## Technical Update - Communicating with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

May 03, 2019

This technical update removes references to sending documents to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by mail or fax. CDC now prefers all requests for waiver consultations and any subsequent notifications from USCIS to be communicated by **ATDA Doc. No. 19100833. (Posted 10/8/19)**

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[9 USCIS-PM C.2 - Chapter 2 - Waiver of Communicable Disease of Public Health Significance](#)

[9 USCIS-PM C.4 - Chapter 4 - Waiver of Physical or Mental Disorder Accompanied by Harmful Behavior](#)

### Technical Update - Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions

May 03, 2019

This technical update incorporates minor clarifying editorial changes to the policy guidance regarding the Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (Form N-648).

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM E.3 - Chapter 3 - Medical Disability Exception \(Form N-648\)](#)

### POLICY ALERT - Controlled Substance-Related Activity and Good Moral Character Determinations

April 19, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify that violation of federal controlled substance law, including for marijuana, remains a conditional bar to establishing good moral character (GMC) for naturalization even where that conduct would not be an offense under state law.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM F.5 - Chapter 5 - Conditional Bars for Acts in Statutory Period](#)

### Technical Update - Implementation of Policy Guidance on Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (Form N-648)

February 12, 2019

This technical update incorporates into Volume 12 the policy guidance that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced December 12, 2018 regarding the Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (Form N-648). This guidance became effective February 12, 2019.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM E.3 - Chapter 3 - Medical Disability Exception \(Form N-648\)](#)

## Technical Update - Visa Retrogression

February 06, 2019

This technical update removes language that restricted USCIS officers' ability to request a visa number from the Department of State in cases involving visa retrogression. As with all INA 245(a) adjustment cases, a visa must be available at the time of final adjudication.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A.6 - Chapter 6 - Adjudicative Review](#)

## Technical Update - Child Status Protection Act

January 23, 2019

This technical update clarifies that certain child beneficiaries of family-sponsored immigrant visa petitions who are ineligible for the Child Status Protection Act may continue their adjustment of status application if the petition is automatically converted to an eligible category.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A.7 - Chapter 7 - Child Status Protection Act](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Policies and Procedures for Secure Identity Documents

January 16, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to address the general policies and procedures related to secure documents.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[11 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Secure Identity Documents \(Posted 10/8/19\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Sufficiency of Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (Form N-648)

December 12, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to update and clarify filing procedures and adjudications on the Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (Form N-648). This guidance becomes effective February 12, 2019.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM E.3 - Chapter 3 - Medical Disability Exception \(Form N-648\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Immigrant Investors and Debt Arrangements

October 30, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is revising policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify its policy on debt arrangements.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G.2 - Chapter 2 - Eligibility Requirements](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Use of Form G-325A

October 25, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to remove references to Biographic Information (Form G-325A).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Adjustment of Status Policies and Procedures](#)

[7 USCIS-PM B - Part B - 245\(a\) Adjustment](#)

[7 USCIS-PM F - Part F - Special Immigrant-Based \(EB-4\) Adjustment](#)

[7 USCIS-PM L - Part L - Refugee Adjustment](#)[7 USCIS-PM M - Part M - Asylee Adjustment](#)[7 USCIS-PM O - Part O - Registration](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Validity of Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)

October 16, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in Volume 8, Part B of the USCIS Policy Manual regarding the period of time during which a Form I-693 submitted in support of a related immigration benefits application is considered valid.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM B - Part B - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Marriage and Living in Marital Union Requirements for Naturalization

October 12, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify the marriage and living in marital union requirements under section 319(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM G.2 - Chapter 2 - Marriage and Marital Union for Naturalization](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Special Naturalization Provisions for Children

September 26, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance to amend the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify certain special naturalization provisions for children.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM G.3 - Chapter 3 - Spouses of U.S. Citizens Residing in the United States](#)

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[12 USCIS-PM H.6 - Chapter 6 - Special Provisions for the Naturalization of Children](#)**Technical Update - Authorized Medical Professionals**

September 26, 2018

This technical update provides clarification on the medical professionals (medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, and clinical psychologists) authorized to complete a written evaluation of medical condition in connection with an oath waiver request.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM J.3 - Chapter 3 - Oath of Allegiance Modifications and Waivers](#)**POLICY ALERT - Geographic Area of a Regional Center**

August 24, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual regarding a regional center's geographic area, requests to expand the geographic area, and how such requests impact the filing of Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G - Part G - Investors](#)**Technical Update - Certificates of Citizenship for U.S. National Children**

August 15, 2018

This technical update clarifies that a person who is born a U.S. national and is the child of a U.S. citizen may acquire citizenship and may obtain a Certificate of Citizenship without having to establish lawful permanent resident status.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM H.4 - Chapter 4 - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth \(INA 320\)](#)



## Technical Update - Rescinding Tenant-Occupancy Methodology

July 26, 2018

This technical update clarifies that the rescission of the policy regarding the tenant-occupancy methodology does not affect petitions pending on May 15, 2018 (the date USCIS announced the rescission).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G.2 - Chapter 2 - Eligibility Requirements](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Child Status Protection Act

May 23, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual regarding the Child Status Protection Act (CSPA).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A.7 - Chapter 7 - Child Status Protection Act](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Adjustment of Status Interview Guidelines and Waiver Criteria

May 15, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating guidance regarding adjustment of status interview guidelines and interview waivers.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A.5 - Chapter 5 - Interview Guidelines](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Rescinding Tenant-Occupancy Methodology

May 15, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is revising policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to reflect that, as of May 15, 2018, USCIS no longer considers tenant occupancy to be a reasonable methodology to support

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economically or statistically valid forecasting tools.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G.2 - Chapter 2 - Eligibility Requirements](#)

### **POLICY ALERT - Documentation of Conditional Resident Status for Investors with a Pending Form I-829**

May 02, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance regarding the documentation of conditional permanent resident (CPR) status for employment-based fifth preference (EB-5) immigrants.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G.5 - Chapter 5 - Removal of Conditions](#)

### **POLICY ALERT - Acquisition of U.S. Citizenship for Children Born Out of Wedlock**

April 18, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance to clarify certain requirements for U.S. citizenship for children born outside the United States and out of wedlock under INA 301 and 309. USCIS is making conforming edits to the USCIS nationality charts.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM H.3 - Chapter 3 - United States Citizens at Birth \(INA 301 and 309\)](#)

### **Technical Update - Fraud and Willful Misrepresentation and Department of State's 90-Day Rule**

March 28, 2018

This technical update incorporates changes that the Department of State (DOS) made to its Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) regarding its interpretation of the term "misrepresentation."

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM J.3 - Chapter 3 - Adjudicating Inadmissibility](#)**Technical Update - Military Accessions Vital to National Interest**

March 21, 2018

This technical update clarifies that foreign nationals may apply for military naturalization after the certification of honorable service has been properly processed by the U.S. armed forces.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM I.3 - Chapter 3 - Military Service during Hostilities \(INA 329\)](#)**Technical Update - Authority to Administer the Oath of Allegiance**

March 21, 2018

This technical update clarifies that the Secretary of Homeland Security has, through the Director of USCIS, delegated the authority to administer the Oath during an administrative naturalization ceremony to certain USCIS officials who can successively re-delegate the authority within their chains of command.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM J.2 - Chapter 2 - The Oath of Allegiance](#)**POLICY ALERT - Waiver Policies and Procedures**

August 23, 2017

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance to address the general policies and procedures applicable to the adjudication of waivers of inadmissibility.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[9 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Waiver Policies and Procedures](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Biometrics Requirements for Naturalization

July 26, 2017

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to specify that every naturalization applicant must provide biometrics regardless of age, unless the applicant qualifies for a fingerprint waiver due to certain medical conditions.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM B.2 - Chapter 2 - Background and Security Checks](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Administrative Naturalization Ceremonies

June 28, 2017

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance on USCIS administrative naturalization ceremonies, to include guidance regarding participation from other U.S. government and non-governmental entities.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM J.5 - Chapter 5 - Administrative Naturalization Ceremonies](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Job Creation and Capital At Risk Requirements for Investors

June 14, 2017

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating the USCIS Policy Manual to provide further guidance regarding the job creation and capital at risk requirements for Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur, and Form I-829, Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G - Part G - Investors](#)

## Technical Update - Clarifying Intent to Reside in United States for Naturalization Purposes

January 05, 2017

This technical update clarifies that naturalization applicants are not required to intend to reside permanently in the United States after becoming U.S. citizens. [AILA Doc. No. 19100833 \(Posted 10/8/19\)](#)

United States after becoming U.S. citizens. This update is in accordance with current statutes; prior to 1994, a person who became a naturalized U.S. citizen was expected to hold the intention of residing permanently in the United States. See Section 104 of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-416 (October 25, 1994).

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D.7 - Chapter 7 - Attachment to the Constitution](#)

## Technical Update - Medical Codes for Purposes of Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions

January 05, 2017

This technical update clarifies that, for purposes of Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, USCIS accepts the relevant medical codes recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services. This includes codes found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and the International Classification of Diseases.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM E.3 - Chapter 3 - Medical Disability Exception \(Form N-648\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Registration of Lawful Permanent Resident Status

December 21, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance addressing registration of lawful permanent resident (LPR) status.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM O - Part O - Registration](#)

## POLICY ALERT - False Claim to U.S. Citizenship Ground of Inadmissibility

December 14, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing guidance to address the false claim to U.S. citizenship ground of inadmissibility under section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM K - Part K - False Claim to U.S. Citizenship](#)**Technical Update - Clarifying Designated Periods of Hostilities for Naturalization under INA 329**

December 13, 2016

This technical update clarifies that, for purposes of naturalization under INA 329, the current period designated by Presidential Executive Order 13269 (July 3, 2002), as a period in which the U.S. armed forces are considered to be engaged in armed conflict with a hostile foreign force, is still in effect. In addition, this update adds information about the USCIS Military Help Line in this part.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM I.1 - Chapter 1 - Purpose and Background](#)[12 USCIS-PM I.3 - Chapter 3 - Military Service during Hostilities \(INA 329\)](#)**POLICY ALERT - Employment-Based Fifth Preference Immigrants: Investors**

November 30, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance regarding the eligibility requirements for regional centers and immigrant investors.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM G - Part G - Investors](#)**POLICY ALERT - Definition of Certain Classes of Medical Conditions and Other Updates Relating to Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility**

November 02, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating guidance regarding health-related grounds of inadmissibility in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rulemaking updating Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 34 (42 CFR 34).

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM B - Part B - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility](#)**POLICY ALERT - Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification and Special Immigrant-Based Adjustment of Status**

October 26, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance regarding the special immigrant juvenile (SIJ) classification and special immigrant-based (EB-4) adjustment of status, including adjustment based on classification as a special immigrant religious worker, SIJ, and G-4 international organization or NATO-6 employee or family member, among others.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[6 USCIS-PM J - Part J - Special Immigrant Juveniles](#)[7 USCIS-PM F - Part F - Special Immigrant-Based \(EB-4\) Adjustment](#)**POLICY ALERT - Determining Extreme Hardship**

October 21, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance on determinations of extreme hardship to qualifying relatives as required by certain statutory waiver provisions. This guidance becomes effective December 5, 2016.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[9 USCIS-PM B - Part B - Extreme Hardship](#)**Technical Update - Military Accessions Vital to National Interest Program and Time of Filing for Naturalization**

October 19, 2016

This technical update clarifies that, in general, Department of Defense (DOD) Military Accessions Vital to National Interest (MAVNI) enlistees may file an application for naturalization during basic training in the U.S. armed forces.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM I.3 - Chapter 3 - Military Service during Hostilities \(INA 329\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Department of Defense Military Accessions Vital to National Interest Program

August 03, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance to provide information about the existing Department of Defense (DOD) Military Accessions Vital to National Interest (MAVNI) Program.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM I.3 - Chapter 3 - Military Service during Hostilities \(INA 329\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Effective Date of Lawful Permanent Residence for Purposes of Citizenship and Naturalization

July 27, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance regarding the date of legal permanent residence (LPR) for naturalization and citizenship purposes.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D.2 - Chapter 2 - Lawful Permanent Resident \(LPR\) Admission for Naturalization](#)

[12 USCIS-PM H.4 - Chapter 4 - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth \(INA 320\)](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Removing Obsolete Form I-643 from Filing Requirements for Certain Adjustment Applications

June 22, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to remove obsolete Form I-643, Health and Human Services Statistical Data for Refugee/Asylee Adjusting Status, from the filing requirements for applications for adjustment of status under section 209 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM L.4 - Chapter 4 - Documentation and Evidence](#)**POLICY ALERT - Adjustment of Status Policies and Procedures and 245(a) Adjustment**

February 25, 2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance addressing the general policies and procedures of adjustment of status as well as adjustment under section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Adjustment of Status Policies and Procedures](#)[7 USCIS-PM B - Part B - 245\(a\) Adjustment](#)**POLICY ALERT - Media Representatives (I) Nonimmigrant Visa Classification**

November 10, 2015

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance regarding the foreign information media representative nonimmigrant visa classification, commonly known as the “I” visa category.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[2 USCIS-PM K - Part K - Media Representatives \(I\)](#)**POLICY ALERT - Modifications to Oath of Allegiance for Naturalization**

July 21, 2015

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance to clarify the eligibility requirements for modifications to the Oath of Renunciation and Allegiance for naturalization.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM J.3 - Chapter 3 - Oath of Allegiance Modifications and Waivers](#)

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## Technical Update - Multiple Absences and Residence and Physical Presence

July 20, 2015

This technical update clarifies that along with reviewing for absences of more than 6 months, officers review whether an applicant for naturalization with multiple absences of less than 6 months is able establish the required residence and physical presence for naturalization.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D.3 - Chapter 3 - Continuous Residence](#)

## Technical Update - Child Citizenship Act and Children of U.S. Government Employees Residing Abroad

July 20, 2015

This technical update clarifies that the child of a U.S. government employee temporarily stationed abroad is considered to be residing in the United States for purposes of acquisition of citizenship under INA 320.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM H.4 - Chapter 4 - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth \(INA 320\)](#)

[12 USCIS-PM K.2 - Chapter 2 - Certificate of Citizenship](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Effect of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) on Immigration and Acquisition of Citizenship Under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)

October 28, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance relating to the use of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM H - Part H - Children of U.S. Citizens](#)

[12 USCIS-PM H.2 - Chapter 2 - Definition of Child for Citizenship and Naturalization](#)

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[12 USCIS-PM H.3 - Chapter 3 - United States Citizens at Birth \(INA 301 and 309\).](#)

[12 USCIS-PM H.4 - Chapter 4 - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth \(INA 320\).](#)

[12 USCIS-PM H.5 - Chapter 5 - Child Residing Outside of the United States \(INA 322\).](#)

## Technical Update - Religious Missionaries Abroad and Residence and Physical Presence

October 21, 2014

This technical update clarifies who may be considered to be a missionary of a religious group for purposes of preserving residence and physical presence for naturalization while working abroad.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D.5 - Chapter 5 - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence](#)

## Technical Update - Treating Certain Peace Corps Contractors as U.S. Government Employees

October 21, 2014

This technical update clarifies that Peace Corps personal service contractors are considered U.S. Government employees under certain circumstances for purposes of preserving their residence for naturalization while working abroad.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D.5 - Chapter 5 - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Nonimmigrant Trainees (H-3)

September 09, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance on the trainees (H-3) nonimmigrant visa category.

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[2 USCIS-PM J - Part J - Trainees \(H-3\)](#)**POLICY ALERT - Customer Service**

August 26, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance on its standards in customer service.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[1 USCIS-PM A - Part A - Public Services](#)**Technical Update - Validity of Same-Sex Marriages**

July 01, 2014

This technical update addresses the Supreme Court ruling holding that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM G.2 - Chapter 2 - Marriage and Marital Union for Naturalization](#)**POLICY ALERT - Changes to Dates of Birth and Names on Certificates of Citizenship**

June 17, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance relating to changes of dates of birth and names per court orders.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM K.2 - Chapter 2 - Certificate of Citizenship](#)[12 USCIS-PM K.4 - Chapter 4 - Replacement of Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization](#)**POLICY ALERT - Validity Period of the Medical Certification on the Report of Medical**

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## Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)

May 30, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing an update to policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual addressing the validity period of civil surgeon endorsements on the Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, Form I-693.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM B.4 - Chapter 4 - Review of Medical Examination Documentation](#)

## Technical Update - Civil Surgeon Applications and Evidentiary Requirements

April 08, 2014

This technical update clarifies that an applicant for civil surgeon designation must, at a minimum, submit a copy of the medical degree to show he or she is a Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy.

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM C.2 - Chapter 2 - Application for Civil Surgeon Designation](#)

## POLICY ALERT - Fraud and Willful Misrepresentation Grounds of Inadmissibility

March 25, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing guidance on the fraud and willful misrepresentation grounds of inadmissibility under INA 212(a)(6)(C)(i) and the corresponding waiver under INA 212(i).

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### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM J - Part J - Fraud and Willful Misrepresentation](#)

[9 USCIS-PM G - Part G - Waivers for Fraud or Willful Misrepresentation](#)

## Technical Update - Vaccination Requirements for Pregnant or Immuno-Compromised Applicants

March 11, 2014

This technical update replaces the list of vaccines contraindicated for pregnant or immuno-compromised applicants with a reference to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Vaccination Technical Instructions. This ensures the Policy Manual guidance includes the most up-to-date information.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM B.9 - Chapter 9 - Vaccination Requirement](#)

## **POLICY ALERT - Refugee and Asylee-Based Adjustment of Status under Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) Section 209**

March 04, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to address adjustment of status applications filed by refugees and asylees under INA sections 209(a) and 209(b).

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[7 USCIS-PM L - Part L - Refugee Adjustment](#)

[7 USCIS-PM M - Part M - Asylee Adjustment](#)

## **POLICY ALERT - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility and Waivers**

January 28, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual on the health-related grounds of inadmissibility under INA 212(a)(1) and corresponding waivers under INA 212(g).

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM B - Part B - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility](#)

[9 USCIS-PM C - Part C - Waivers for Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility](#)

## **POLICY ALERT - Civil Surgeon Designation and Centralization of the Designation Process at the National Benefits Center**

ALLA Doc. No. 19100833. (Posted 10/8/19)

January 28, 2014

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to centralize the civil surgeon designation process at the National Benefits Center, effective March 11, 2014.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[8 USCIS-PM C - Part C - Civil Surgeon Designation and Revocation](#)

### Technical Update - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

September 30, 2013

This technical update adds the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to list of certain territories of the United States where, subject to certain requirements, persons may be U.S. citizens at birth.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM A.2 - Chapter 2 - Becoming a U.S. Citizen](#)

### Technical Update - Certified Court Dispositions

September 30, 2013

This technical update adds language addressing existing policy on circumstances where an applicant is required to provide a certified court disposition.

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#### AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM F.3 - Chapter 3 - Evidence and the Record](#)

### POLICY ALERT - Security-Related Positions Abroad

June 10, 2013

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to address amendments to section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2006 by Public Law 112-227.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM D - Part D - General Naturalization Requirements](#)

[12 USCIS-PM D.5 - Chapter 5 - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence](#)

**POLICY ALERT - Comprehensive Citizenship and Naturalization Policy Guidance**

January 07, 2013

USCIS is issuing updated and comprehensive citizenship and naturalization policy guidance in the new USCIS Policy Manual.

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## AFFECTED SECTIONS

[12 USCIS-PM - Volume 12 - Citizenship and Naturalization](#)