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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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM H.4** - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth (INA 320)
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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).

AFFECTED SECTIONS

◆ **6 USCIS-PM G.2** - Eligibility Requirements (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartG-Chapter2.html)

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).

↓ Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180523-CSPA.pdf>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

◆ **7 USCIS-PM A.7** - Child Status Protection Act (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartA-Chapter7.html)

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.

↓ Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180515-AdjustmentInterview>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

◆ **7 USCIS-PM A.5** - Interview Guidelines (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartA-Chapter5.html)


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 economically or statistically valid forecasting tools.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180515-EB5TenantOccupancyMethodology.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180515-EB5TenantOccupancyMethodology.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **6 USCIS-PM G.2** - Eligibility Requirements (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartG-Chapter2.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180502-EB5CPRDocumentation.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180502-EB5CPRDocumentation.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **6 USCIS-PM G.5** - Removal of Conditions (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartG-Chapter5.html)


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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180418-AcquisitionOfCitizenship.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20180418-AcquisitionOfCitizenship.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM H.3** - United States Citizens at Birth (INA 301 and 309) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter3.html)

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."

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📌 **8 USCIS-PM J.3** - Adjudicating Inadmissibility (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartJ-Chapter3.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📌 **12 USCIS-PM I.3** - Military Service during Hostilities (INA 329) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartI-Chapter3.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📌 **12 USCIS-PM J.2** - The Oath of Allegiance (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartJ-Chapter2.html)

POLICY ALERT – Waiver Policies and Procedures

August 23, 2017


U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy

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guidance to address the general policies and procedures applicable to the adjudication of waivers of inadmissibility.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170823-Waivers.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170823-Waivers.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **9 USCIS-PM A** - Waiver Policies and Procedures (PolicyManual-Volume9-PartA.html)


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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170726-NaturalizationBiometrics.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170726-NaturalizationBiometrics.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM B.2** - Background and Security Checks (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartB-Chapter2.html)


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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170628-NaturalizationCeremony.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170628-NaturalizationCeremony.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM J.5** - Administrative Naturalization Ceremonies (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartJ-Chapter5.html)

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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170614-EB5JobsAndCapitalAtRisk.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20170614-EB5JobsAndCapitalAtRisk.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **6 USCIS-PM G** - Investors (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartG.html)

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. 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).

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **12 USCIS-PM D.7** - Attachment to the Constitution (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter7.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM E.3** - Medical Disability Exception (Form N-648) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartE-Chapter3.html)

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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161221-Registration.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161221-Registration.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **7 USCIS-PM O** - Registration (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartO.html)


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).

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161214-FalseClaim.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161214-FalseClaim.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **8 USCIS-PM K** - False Claim to U.S. Citizenship (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartK.html)


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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM I.1** - Purpose and Background (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartI-Chapter1.html)

 **12 USCIS-PM I.3** - Military Service during Hostilities (INA 329) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartI-Chapter3.html)

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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161130-Investors.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161130-Investors.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **6 USCIS-PM G** - Investors (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartG.html)


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).

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161102-MedicalConditions.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161102-MedicalConditions.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **8 USCIS-PM B** - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartB.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161026-SIJ-EB4Adjustment.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161026-SIJ-EB4Adjustment.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **6 USCIS-PM J** - Special Immigrant Juveniles (PolicyManual-Volume6-PartJ.html)

 **7 USCIS-PM F** - Special Immigrant-Based (EB-4) Adjustment (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartF.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161021-ExtremeHardship.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20161021-ExtremeHardship.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **9 USCIS-PM B** - Extreme Hardship (PolicyManual-Volume9-PartB.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM I.3** - Military Service during Hostilities (INA 329) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartI-Chapter3.html)

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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160803-MAVNI.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160803-MAVNI.pdf)

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 **12 USCIS-PM I.3** - Military Service during Hostilities (INA 329) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartI-Chapter3.html)


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.

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160727-EffectiveLPRDate.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160727-EffectiveLPRDate.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM D.2** - Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Admission for Naturalization (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter2.html)

 **12 USCIS-PM H.4** - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth (INA 320) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter4.html)


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).

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160622-RemovingI-643.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160622-RemovingI-643.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **7 USCIS-PM L.4** - Documentation and Evidence (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartL-Chapter4.html)

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).

 [Read More \(https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160225-GeneralAOS.pdf\)](https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20160225-GeneralAOS.pdf)

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 **7 USCIS-PM A** - Adjustment of Status Policies and Procedures (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartA.html)

 **7 USCIS-PM B** - 245(a) Adjustment (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartB.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20151110-MediaRepresentatives.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20151110-MediaRepresentatives.pdf)


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **2 USCIS-PM K** - Media Representatives (I) (PolicyManual-Volume2-PartK.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20150721-OathModifications.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20150721-OathModifications.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM J.3** - Oath of Allegiance Modifications and Waivers (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartJ-Chapter3.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **12 USCIS-PM D.3** - Continuous Residence (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter3.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **12 USCIS-PM H.4** - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth (INA 320) (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter4.html)

📄 **12 USCIS-PM K.2** - Certificate of Citizenship (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartK-Chapter2.html)

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).

📄 Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20141028-ART.pdf>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **12 USCIS-PM H** - Children of U.S. Citizens (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH.html)

📄 **12 USCIS-PM H.2** - Definition of Child for Citizenship and Naturalization (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter2.html)

📄 **12 USCIS-PM H.3** - United States Citizens at Birth (INA 301 and 309)

(PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter3.html)

📌 **12 USCIS-PM H.4** - Automatic Acquisition of Citizenship after Birth (INA 320)
(PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter4.html)

📌 **12 USCIS-PM H.5** - Child Residing Outside of the United States (INA 322)
(PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH-Chapter5.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📌 **12 USCIS-PM D.5** - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter5.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📌 **12 USCIS-PM D.5** - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter5.html)

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.

📄 Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140909-Trainees.pdf>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

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 **2 USCIS-PM J** - Trainees (H-3) (PolicyManual-Volume2-PartJ.html)


POLICY ALERT – Customer Service

August 26, 2014

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

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140826-CustomerService.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140826-CustomerService.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **1 USCIS-PM A** - Customer Service (PolicyManual-Volume1-PartA.html)

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.


AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM G.2** - Marriage and Marital Union for Naturalization (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartG-Chapter2.html)


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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140617-DOBsAndCertificates.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140617-DOBsAndCertificates.pdf)

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 **12 USCIS-PM K.2** - Certificate of Citizenship (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartK-Chapter2.html)

 **12 USCIS-PM K.4** - Replacement of Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartK-Chapter4.html)


POLICY ALERT – Validity Period of the Medical Certification on the Report of Medical 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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140530-I-693Validity.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140530-I-693Validity.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **8 USCIS-PM B.4** - Review of Medical Examination Documentation (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartB-Chapter4.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **8 USCIS-PM C.2** - Application for Civil Surgeon Designation (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartC-Chapter2.html)


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).

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140325-FraudMisrepInadmissibilityAndWaiver.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140325-FraudMisrepInadmissibilityAndWaiver.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **8 USCIS-PM J** - Fraud and Willful Misrepresentation (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartJ.html)

 **9 USCIS-PM G** - Waivers for Fraud or Willful Misrepresentation (PolicyManual-

Volume9-PartG.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **8 USCIS-PM B.9** - Vaccination Requirement (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartB-Chapter9.html)

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).

📄 Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140304-RefugeeAsyleeAOS.pdf>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **7 USCIS-PM L** - Refugee Adjustment (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartL.html)

📄 **7 USCIS-PM M** - Asylee Adjustment (PolicyManual-Volume7-PartM.html)


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).

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140128-HealthRelatedInadmissibilityAndWaivers.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140128-HealthRelatedInadmissibilityAndWaivers.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **8 USCIS-PM B** - Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartB.html)

 **9 USCIS-PM C** - Waivers for Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility (PolicyManual-Volume9-PartC.html)


POLICY ALERT – Civil Surgeon Designation and Centralization of the Designation Process at the National Benefits Center

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.

 [Read More \(http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140128-CivilSurgeonDesignation.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20140128-CivilSurgeonDesignation.pdf)

AFFECTED SECTIONS


 **8 USCIS-PM C** - Civil Surgeon Designation and Revocation (PolicyManual-Volume8-PartC.html)

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.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

 **12 USCIS-PM A.2** - Becoming a U.S. Citizen (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartA-Chapter2.html)

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

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disposition.

AFFECTED SECTIONS

📄 **12 USCIS-PM F.3** - Evidence and the Record (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartF-Chapter3.html)

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.

📄 Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20130610-SecurityRelatedPositionsAbroad.pdf>)

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📄 **12 USCIS-PM D** - General Naturalization Requirements (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD.html)

📄 **12 USCIS-PM D.5** - Modifications and Exceptions to Continuous Residence and Physical Presence (PolicyManual-Volume12-PartD-Chapter5.html)

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.

📄 Read More (<http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/Updates/20130107-CitizenshipAndNaturalization.pdf>)

AFFECTED SECTIONS



📄 **12 USCIS-PM** - Citizenship & Naturalization (PolicyManual-Volume12.html)



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