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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-551 Alien Registration receipt Card commonly referred to as "green card" ● Foreign passport stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp ● I-94 annotated stamped with a temporary I-551 stamp (for recent arrivals or aliens who have applied for a replacement I-551) 	<p><u>Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence (LPR)</u></p>	<p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996 and were continuously present in the U.S. until obtaining qualified alien status.</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they entered the country or obtained qualified status, whichever is later.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-94 stamped showing admission under section 207 of the INA and date of entry to the US ● I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(3) ● I-766 (Employment Authorization document) annotated 'A3' ● I-571 (Refugee Travel Document) <p>(Refugees become eligible to apply for adjustment to LPR status after 12 months in the U.S., but it takes another 6-12 months to become approved. They are still considered refugee for eligibility purposes when they have a I-551 with a code of RE-6, RE-7, RE-8, or RE-9)</p>	<p><u>REFUGEE</u></p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-94 stamped showing grant of asylum under section 208 of the INA and date of entry ● A grant letter from the Asylum Office of the USCIS ● I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(5) 	<p><u>ASYLEE</u></p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) annotated “A5” ● Court order of an immigration judge showing asylum granted under section 208 of the INA 	<u>ASYLEE (cont’d)</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Order of an immigration judge showing deportation withheld under section 243(h) of INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under Sec. 241(b)(3) of the INA and date of grant ● I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(10) ● I-766 (Employment Authorization document) annotated "A10" 	<u>DEPORTATION WITHHELD</u>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-94 annotated with stamp showing grant of parole under 212(d)(5) and a date showing granting of parole for at least 1 year. (Applicant cannot aggregate periods of admission for less than one year to meet the one-year requirement.) 	<u>PAROLEE</u>	<p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they entered the country or obtained qualified status, whichever is later.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-94 with stamp showing admission under 203(a)(7) of the INA, refugee-conditional entry ● I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(3) ● I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) annotated “A3” 	<u>CONDITIONAL ENTRANT</u>	<p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they entered the country or obtained qualified status, whichever is later.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year</p>

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		disqualification period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Form DD-2 marked "ACTIVE", or ● Current orders showing the individual is on full-time duty in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (Reserves are not considered active duty) 	<p><u>ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY</u> (includes spouse and unmarried dependent children under 21)</p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DD-214 indicating honorable discharge, or ● Discharge papers indicating honorable discharge 	<p><u>VETERAN</u> (includes spouse and unmarried dependent children under 21)</p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-551 (Alien Registration Receipt Card) with the code S13 ● Canadian passport stamped with an with unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code S13 ● I-94 stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code S13 ● A letter or other tribal document certifying at least 50% American Indian blood, as required by section 289 of the INA combined with a birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of birth in Canada 	<p><u>AMERICAN INDIAN BORN IN CANADA</u></p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership card or other tribal document demonstrating membership in a federally-recognized Indian tribe under section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. 	<p><u>AMERICAN INDIAN</u></p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>This does not include a spouse or child of the individual. It also does not include a noncitizen whose membership in an Indian tribe or family is created by adoption, unless he is of at least 50% or more American Indian blood.</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-551 (Alien Registration Receipt Card) with the code CU6, CU7, or CH6 ● Foreign passport stamped with an 	<p><u>CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANT</u></p>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification</p>

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<p>unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code CU6 or CU7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-94 stamped with a unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code CU6 or CU7 ● I-94 with stamp showing parole as “Cuban/Haitian Entrant” under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA. 		period does not apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-551 with the code AM6, AM7, or AM8 ● Foreign passport stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code AM1, AM2, or AM3 ● I-94 stamped with a unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code AM1, AM2, or AM3 	<u>AMERASIAN IMMIGRANTS</u>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) certification letter 	<u>TRAFFICKING VICTIM</u>	<p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>
<p>I-797 indicating filing under one of the provisions listed below and approval of the petition or a finding that a prima facie case has been established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case Type: I-130 petition approved (See Figure 3: I.A.) prima facie letter ● Case Type: I-360 petition approved (See Figure 3: I.B.) prima facie letter or petition approved. ● I-551 (Resident Alien Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card) with one of the following INS class of admission (COA) codes printed on the front of a white card (or the back of a pink card) demonstrates approval of a petition under 3.c.(1) or 3.c.(2) above: AR1, AR6, C20-C29, CF1, CF2, CR1, CR2, CR6, CR7, CX1 - CX3, CX6 - CX8, F20 - F29, FX1-FX3, FX6-FX8, IF1, IF2, IR1-IR4, IR6-IR9, IW1, IW2, IW6, IW7, MR6, MR7, P21-P23, or P26-P28 (See NOTE below.) ● I-551 with one of the following COA 	<p>BATTERED ALIEN</p> <p>Includes battered alien’s child and parent of a battered alien child</p>	<p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they entered the country or obtained qualified status, whichever is later.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p>

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<p>codes stamped on the lower left side of the back of a pink card demonstrates approval of a petition under C.3.j.(1)3. Above: IB1-IB3, IB6-IB8, B11, B12, B16, B17, B20-B29, B31-B33, B36-B38, BX1-BX3, or BX6-BX8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-551 with COA code Z13 <i>may</i> demonstrate approval of a petition. Ask the applicant where he or she received the grant of suspension of deportation. If received in Atlanta, Georgia, fax Figure 4 on county letterhead to (404) 331-4555 Executive Office for Immigration Review-Immigration Courts. (The Atlanta, Georgia office handles North Carolina cases.) Include a copy of any supporting documents provided by the individual, as well as a copy of the card and any other document(s) presented, to the EOIR court that granted the alien’s suspension. The phone number of the Atlanta office is (404)331-7647. The address is Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building, 77 Forsyth Street, Room 112, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. <p>NOTE: If grant of suspension of deportation received at any other EOIR office, call DMA policy unit at (919)857-4019 for the fax number. The EOIR addresses, phone and fax numbers are located in a table in Section 00502.116M of the POMS manual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unexpired Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport or on INS Form I-94 with one of the COA codes specified in the above list (if the temporary stamp or the INS Form I-94 bears the code Z13, follow the process described immediately above) ● An order from an immigration judge (EOIR) or the Board of Immigration Appeals granting suspension of deportation 		

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<p>or cancellation of removal under VAWA (EOIR Form 42B) or an order from an immigration judge (EOIR) or Board of Immigration Appeals showing that applicant has established a prima facie case for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An approved I-360 establishing applicant as widow or widower of a U.S. citizen to whom the alien had been married for at least 2 years at the time of the citizen's death. 		
<p>Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) category SI1 or SQ1 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry</p>	<p>Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p>	<p>Eligible for 6/8 months following date of entry</p> <p>5 year disqualification period applies after 6/8 month period, beginning with date of entry</p>
<p>Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) category SI2 or SQ2 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry</p>	<p>Spouse of Principle Applicant Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p>	<p>Eligible for 6/8 months following date of entry</p> <p>5 year disqualification period applies after 6/8 month period, beginning with date of entry</p>
<p>Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SI3 or SQ3 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry</p> <p>DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code for this category S16 or SQ6</p>	<p>Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p> <p>Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p> <p>Principal Adjusting Status in the U.S.</p>	<p>Eligible for 6/8 months following date of entry</p> <p>5 year disqualification period applies after 6/8 month period, beginning with date of entry</p>

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<p>DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code for this category SI7 or SQ7</p>	<p>Spouse of Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p> <p>Principal Applicant Adjusting Status in the U.S.</p>	<p>Eligible for 6/8 months following date of entry</p> <p>5 year disqualification period applies after 6/8 month period, beginning with date of entry</p>
<p>DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an IV (“Immigrant Visa”) code for this category SI9 or SQ9</p>	<p>Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant</p> <p>Principal Applicant Adjusting Status in the U.S.</p>	<p>Eligible for 6/8 months following date of entry</p> <p>5 year disqualification period applies after 6/8 month period, beginning with date of entry</p>

NOTE: For battered aliens, the codes, types, and stamps in foreign passports or on the I-94 that demonstrates an approved petition or application under one of the provisions are too numerous to describe here. If an alien claiming pending or approved status, presents a code different than those listed, or if you cannot determine the class of admission from the I-551 stamp, send [G-845S](#) (See [Figure 10.](#)) along with a copy of the document(s) presented to USCIS.