

PRWORA: Immigration Status Eligibility and Common Documents

Note: This chart does not include every form of documentation that would indicate a qualified status under PROWRA.

Description of Status	Common Documents indicating qualified status	PRWORA Eligibility?
<p>Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Without 40 Qualifying Quarters</p>	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card: workers must check category code; OR</p> <p>Temporary I-551 Stamp on a foreign passport or on I-94 Arrival/Departure Record; OR</p> <p>Immigrant visa with the notation “upon endorsement serves as temporary I-551 permanent resident for one year;” OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval of an I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status; OR</p> <p>I-327 Permit to Reenter the United States; OR</p> <p>I-181 Memorandum of Creation of Lawful Permanent Residence with approval stamp; OR</p> <p>Any other authoritative document that identifies the non-citizen as an LPR.</p>	<p>Yes if:</p> <p>Entered U.S. on or after 8/22/96, and after five years in U.S. in a qualified status; OR</p> <p>Entered U.S. before 8/22/96, have continually resided in U.S. and are in a qualified status.</p>
<p>LPR with 40 Qualifying Quarters</p>	<p>Same LPR documentation as above AND</p> <p>Proof of 40 qualifying quarters.</p> <p>(NOTE: No quarters earned after 12/31/96 may be counted in which a non-citizen has received a federal means-tested public benefit.)</p>	<p>Yes if:</p> <p>Entered U.S. on or after 8/22/96, and after five years in U.S. in a qualified status; OR</p> <p>Entered U.S. before 8/22/96, have continually resided in U.S. and are in a qualified status.</p>
<p>-Refugee -Conditional Entrant (A status granted to refugees prior to 1980) -Iraqi or Afghan Special Visa Holder -Amerasian Immigrant -Certain Hmong or Highland Laotian</p>	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card or I-94 Arrival/Departure Record or Passport stamped/coded: AM1, AM2, AM3, AM6, AM7, AM8, AR1, AR6, R8-6, RE1, RE2, RE3, RE4, RE5, RE6, RE7, RE8, RE9, SI-1, SI-2, SI-3, SI-6, SI-7, SI-8, SI-9, SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, SQ6, SQ7, SQ8 or SQ9; OR</p> <p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A3 or A03; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “admitted under Section 207 or 203(a)(7) (as in effect prior to 4/1/80) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA),”</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	<p>or “Refugee,” or “admitted under Section 101(a)(27) of the INA;” OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval of an I-730 “Refugee;” OR</p> <p>I-571 Refugee Travel Document</p>	
Asylum Granted	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card coded: AS1, AS2, AS3, AS6, AS7, or AS8; OR</p> <p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A5 or A05; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “Granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA;” OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval of an I-730 “Asylee;” OR</p> <p>Grant letter from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Asylum Office; OR</p> <p>Order of an Immigration Judge Granting Asylum</p>	Yes
<p>Qualified Battered Non-Citizen</p> <p>A U.S. Citizen’s or LPR’s battered spouse, or child, or parent or child of such battered person, who:</p> <p>Obtains “Notice of Prima Facie” Case from the USCIS under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); OR</p> <p>Has an I-360 Self-Petition under VAWA that is approved; OR</p> <p>Has a pending I-360 self-petition and is determined to be a credible victim of domestic violence by the district’s Domestic Violence Liaison (DVL); OR</p> <p>Is determined to be a credible victim of domestic violence by the DVL with a pending or approved I-130 petition; OR</p>	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card coded: B11, B12, B16, B17, B20, B21, B22, B23, B24, B25, B26, B27, B28, B29, B31, B32, B33, B36, B37, B38, BX1, BX2, BX3, BX6, BX7, BX8, IB1, IB2, IB3, IB6, IB7, IB8, or Z14; OR</p> <p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A09, A15, or C31; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record coded: K3, K4, V1, V2, CR-1-7 and a pending or approved I-130; OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating prima facie eligibility of an I-360 self-petition under Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) or (iv), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) or (iii) of the INA; OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval or pending I-360 self-petition under Section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) or (iii) or (iv), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) or (iii) of the INA; OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval or pending I-130 visa petition under Section 204(a)(1)(A)(i) of the INA (spouse or child of a U.S. citizen), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(i) (spouse or child of a lawful permanent resident); OR</p>	<p>Yes if:</p> <p>Entered U.S. on or after 8/22/96, and after five years in U.S. in a qualified status; OR</p> <p>Entered U.S. before 8/22/96, have continually resided in U.S. and are in a qualified status.</p>

<p>Has an application for VAWA cancellation of removal or suspension of deportation that has been granted or is pending and the immigration court finds that the application has a prima facie case for this relief.</p>	<p>Any other document from the USCIS indicating the non-citizen has a K or V visa and a pending or approved I-130; OR</p> <p>Order from the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) under Section 240A(b)(2) of the INA or if the application is pending documentation that the court finds that the applicant has a prima facie case for this relief</p>	
<p>Victim of Human Trafficking</p>	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card coded: ST0, ST6, ST7, ST8 or ST9; OR</p> <p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A16 or C25; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record coded: T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 or T6 stating admission under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA if status granted for at least one year; OR</p> <p>I-797 Notice of Action indicating approval of an I-914 or I-914A coded: T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 or T6; OR</p> <p>Certification Document (for adults) or Eligibility Letter (for children) from the Administration for Children and Families(ACF), Office on Trafficking in Persons(OTIP); Must call 1-866-401-5510 for verification.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Deportation or Removal Withheld</p>	<p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A10; OR</p> <p>Order from an Immigration Judge showing the date deportation was withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under Section 241(b)(3) of the INA.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Parolee (for at least one year)</p>	<p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded:A04 or C11; AND</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record indicating admitted for at least one year; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “Paroled pursuant to Section 212(d)(5),” or “parole,” or “PIP” with date of entry and date of expiration indicating one year.</p>	<p>Yes if: Entered U.S. on or after 8/22/96, and after five years in U.S. in a qualified status; OR Entered U.S. before 8/22/96, have continually resided in U.S. and are in a qualified status.</p>
<p>Parolee (for less than one year)</p>	<p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: A04 or C11; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “Paroled pursuant to section 212(d)(5),” or “parole,” or “PIP”</p>	<p>No</p>

Cuban/Haitian Entrant	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card or Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport coded: CU6, CU7, CH6, HA6 or HB6; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “Cuban/Haitian Entrant (status pending)” or coded CU6, CU7, HF, HP0, HP1 or HPD; OR</p> <p>Any other document from the USCIS indicating parole under the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program (HFRP) coded “HF;” or Reasonable evidence of being a Cuban or Haitian national (citizen)</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: C8, C08, or C11; OR</p> <p>I-766 Employment Authorization Card coded: C18 (Order of Supervision) with additional documentation to support previous or current parole status into the U.S.; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “Form I-589 filed;” OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: “paroled under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA,” or “Section 212(d)(5) of the INA,” or stamp showing parole in U.S. on or after 10/10/80; OR</p> <p>I-797C Notice of Action confirming USCIS’s receipt of the non-citizen’s Form I-589 (Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal); OR</p> <p>Documentation issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Department of Justice's EOIR showing that the non-citizen is in removal proceedings (this includes Notice to Appear (DHS Form I-862) or Order of Supervision (DHS I-220B) if there is also evidence of parole into the U.S.)</p>	Yes
Active Military	<p>Proof of qualified non-citizen status AND</p> <p>Military Identification Card (Active) that lists an expiration date of more than one year from the date of determination. If ID card is due to expire within one year from the date of determination, use a copy of current military orders.</p>	Yes
Veteran	<p>Proof of qualified non-citizen status AND</p> <p>DD Form 214 Discharge Certificate that states “Honorable.” A character of discharge “Under</p>	Yes

	Honorable Conditions” is not an “Honorable Discharge” for these purposes. Narrative Reason for Separation block must not state that discharge was for reason of “alienage” or lack of U.S. citizenship.	
North American Indian Born in Canada	<p>I-551 Permanent Resident Card coded: S13 or temporary I-551 stamp in a Canadian passport; OR</p> <p>I-94 Arrival/Departure Record stamped: S13; OR</p> <p>Tribal document certifying at least 50% American Indian blood, as required by Section 289 of the INA; AND</p> <p>School records, or, a birth or baptismal certificate issued on a reservation, or, other satisfactory evidence of birth in Canada.</p>	Yes
Member of Federally Recognized Tribe Born Outside U.S.	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	Yes