

6 YEARS – REGISTERED PROVISIONAL IMMIGRANT (RPI) STATUS

6 YEARS – RPI RENEWAL

Approximately AFTER 4 YEARS in RPI renewal and AT LEAST 10 YEARS TOTAL, RPIs may apply for Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Status

- CONTINUOUS PRESENCE: Principal must be in the U.S. since 12/31/2011; Spouse or child must be in the U.S. since 12/31/12
- APPLY WITHIN TIMEFRAME PERMITED: 1 year, possibly 2 ½ years liability
- FINE: required to pay \$1,000 penalty before RPI status can be renewed (may be paid in installments)
- FEE: Application Fee
- TAXES: Satisfy any applicable Federal tax liability
- PASS BACKGROUND CHECK: Biographic and biometric data
- CERTAIN CRIMES & GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY MAY BAR

APPLICANT: Conviction for a felony, aggravated felony, 3 or more misdemeanors, certain foreign offenses, or unlawful voting; and drug related offenses, crimes involving moral turpitude (CIMTs), etc., unless waived or exceptions apply

• IN-PERSON INTERVIEW: May be required

Certain deportees may apply for RPI status if qualify for a waiver

• FEE: Application Fee

- TAXES: Satisfy any applicable Federal tax
- PASS another BACKGROUND CHECK: Continue to meet RPI requirements (includes not triggering any of the bars)
- EMPLOYMENT AND/OR EDUCATION:

Regularly employed and not likely to be a public charge, or average income not less than 100% of the poverty level, or full-time attendance in high school program (or its equivalent), literacy program, vocational training, or higher education (unless waived or meet exceptions) • LIMITED TRAVEL: Generally, no more than

180 days in any one calendar year

RPI status may be revoked if person takes a trip longer than 180 days outside the U.S. or is absent from the US for more than 180 days in the aggregate during any calendar year.



TRIGGERS

CITIZEN-SHIP

AFTER 3 YEARS can apply for Citizenship

- ELIGIBILITY: Remain eligible for RPI (this includes passing background check and not triggering the bars)
- FEE/FINE: Application Fee + \$1000 Penalty (may be paid in installments)
- TAXES: Satisfy any applicable Federal tax liability
- REGISTER WITH THE SELECTIVE **SERVICE** (Men only)
- LEARN ENGLISH & CIVICS: Either by examination or pursuing a class (exceptions based on disability & age)
- EMPLOYMENT AND/OR EDUCATION:

Regularly employed and not likely to be a public charge, **or** average income was not less than 125% of the poverty level, or full-time attendance in high school program (or its equivalent), literacy program, vocational training, or higher education (unless waived or *meet exceptions)*

- ABSENCES: Not continuously absent for more than 180 days in any calendar year as an RPI
- INTERVIEW: May be required



5 YEARS – REGISTERED PROVISIONAL IMMIGRANT (RPI) STATUS

LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT (LPR) STATUS

CITIZEN-SHIP

LPR **immediately** eligible for citizenship

- CONTINUOUS PRESENCE: Must be in the U.S. since 12/31/2011
- FINE/FEE: No Penalty + Application Fee
- TAXES: Satisfy any applicable Federal tax liability
- PASS BACKGROUND CHECK: Biographic and biometric data
- CERTAIN CRIMES & GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY MAY BAR

APPLICANT: Conviction for a felony, aggravated felony, 3 or more misdemeanors, certain foreign offenses, or unlawful voting; and drug related offenses, crimes involving moral turpitude (CIMTs), etc., *unless waived or exceptions apply*

• IN-PERSON INTERVIEW: May be required

Certain deportees may apply for RPI status if qualify for a waiver

Unless DHS determines that a DACA recipient has not engaged in conduct that would bar them from RPI status, DHS *may* grant RPI status to DACA recipients.

RPI status may be revoked if person takes a trip longer than 180 days outside the U.S. or is absent from the U.S. for more than 180 days in the aggregate during any calendar.

- **STATUS & ENTRY:** Applicant was in RPI status for at least 5 years and was under age 16 when first entered the U.S.
- FINE/FEE: No Penalty + Application Fee
- PASS another BACKGROUND CHECK
- KNOW ENGLISH & CIVICS
- HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION: Has obtained high school diploma, GED certificate or its equivalent
- HIGHER EDUCATION OR MILITARY SERVICE: Completed at least 2 years of higher education, received a higher education degree, **or** served at least 4 years in the Uniform Service (unless applicant meets hardship exception)

There *may* be a separate streamlined LPR adjustment process for DACA recipients.



"Agricultural Worker Program of 2013" (S. 744): Path to Citizenship for Agricultural Workers



AFTER 5 YEARS of the Act's enactment, Blue Card status holders can apply for Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Status

- LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT (LPR) STATUS

 CITIZENSHIP

 AFTER 5 YEARS as an LPR
 can apply for Citizenship
- EMPLOYMENT: Performed at least 575 hours or 100 work days in agriculture during a 2-year period ending on 12/31/2012; Spouse or child must be in U.S. since 12/31/2012
- FINE/FEE: \$100 Penalty (for applicants over 21)
- + Application Fee
- PASS BACKGROUND CHECK: Biographic and biometric data
- CERTAIN CRIMES & GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY MAY
- **BAR APPLICANT:** Conviction for a felony, aggravated felony, 3 or more misdemeanors, certain foreign offenses, or unlawful voting; and drug related offenses, crimes involving moral turpitude (CIMTs), etc., *unless waived or exceptions apply*
- IN-PERSON INTERVIEW: May be required

Blue Card status may be revoked if person takes a trip longer than 180 days outside the U.S. or for more than 180 days in the aggregate during any calendar year.

Employers of Blue Card status holders are required to provide them and the Secretary of Agriculture with an annual written report of employment.

- ELIGIBILITY: Remain eligible for blue card status (this includes not triggering the bars)
 EMPLOYMENT: During the 8-year period after enactment of the Act, performed least 100 days of agricultural work during each of 5 years, *or* during the 5-year period after enactment, performed at least 150 days of agricultural work during each of 3 years *(certain exceptions may apply)*
- FINE/FEE: \$400 Penalty + Application Fee
- TAXES: Satisfy any applicable Federal tax liability
- APPLY: Before blue card status expires
- IN-PERSON INTERVIEW: May be required

If a Blue Card status holder is unable to meet the work requirement to adjust to LPR status, DHS *may* adjust the person to RPI status.