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Reason for Revision: The instructions currently do not sufficiently distinguish between VAWA self-petitioners (and their children) seeking adjustment of status under INA section 245(a) and VAWA self-petitioners (and their children) seeking adjustment of status under a provision of law other than INA section 245(a). The term 'VAWA self-petitioner' is defined at INA 101(a)(51) and certain populations listed under this statute may seek adjustment of status under a provision different from INA 245(a). For example, certain abused spouses and children of qualifying Cuban principals (a population listed in the 'VAWA self-petitioner' definition at INA 101(a)(51)) do not adjust status under INA 245(a), but rather under provisions of the Cuban Adjustment Act. After receiving public feedback, USCIS is seeking to remedy this deficiency as quickly as possible by adding the below proposed text.

Current Section and Page Number	Current Text	Proposed Text
Part 10, Additional	[Page 15]	[Page 15]
Information, Page 15,		
You Are An Approved	You Are An Approved VAWA Self-	You Are An Approved VAWA Self-
VAWA Self-Petitioner	Petitioner or the child of an	Petitioner or the child of an
or the child of an	Approved VAWA Self-Petitioner	Approved VAWA Self-Petitioner
Approved VAWA Self-	Seeking a Waiver Under INA	Seeking a Waiver Under INA
Petitioner Seeking a	212(a)(9)(C)(iii) for being	212(a)(9)(C)(iii) for being
Waiver Under INA	Unlawfully Present After Previous	Unlawfully Present After Previous
212(a)(9)(C)(iii) for	Immigration Violations Under	Immigration Violations Under INA
being Unlawfully	INA Section 212(a)(9)(C)	Section 212(a)(9)(C)
Present After		
Previous Immigration	[]	[]
Violations Under INA	NOTE: You do not need to file	NOTE: You do not need to file
Section 212(a)(9)(C)	Form I-601 if you are an approved	Form I-601 if you are an approved
	VAWA self-petitioner (or that	VAWA self-petitioner (or that
	person's child) seeking adjustment	person's child), inadmissible under
	of status and if you are inadmissible	INA 212(a)(6)(A)[presence in the
	under INA 212(a)(6)(A)(i)(presence	United States without admission or
	in the United States without	parole, or arrival in the United
	admission or parole, or arrival in	States, other than at an open U.S.
	the United States other than at an	Port-of-Entry] and seeking
	open U.S. Port-of-Entry).	adjustment of status under INA
	According to USCIS policy, you are	section 245(a). According to USCIS
	eligible for adjustment of status	policy, you are eligible for
	under INA section 245(a) regardless	adjustment of status under INA
	of your unlawful entry and USCIS	section 245(a) regardless of your
	also considers inadmissibility under	unlawful entry and USCIS also
	INA section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) waived	considers inadmissibility under INA
	for a beneficiary of an approved	section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) waived for a
	VAWA self-petition. Because	beneficiary of an approved VAWA
	inadmissibility under INA section	self-petition.
	212(a)(6)(A)(i) ends when you	

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leave the United States, you do not have to submit any special	
documentation with an immigrant	
visa application that is based on	
your approved VAWA self-petition.	

