



# Application for Relief Under Former Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
**Form I-191**  
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## What Is the Purpose of Form I-191?

You may be eligible to file Form I-191, Application for Relief Under Former Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), if you:

1. Were lawfully admitted for permanent residence; and
2. Are subject to removal from the United States because you were convicted before April 1, 1997, of a crime that makes you inadmissible or deportable.

**NOTE:** This version of Form I-191 meets the requirement of 8 CFR 1212.3 to file the Form I-191 previously titled, “Application for Advance Permission to Return to Unrelinquished Domicile”.

If you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings, you CANNOT file Form I-191 with USCIS. You must seek relief under former INA section 212(c) before an immigration judge.

Congress repealed former INA section 212(c), effective April 1, 1997. However, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in 2001 that the repeal does not apply to lawful permanent residents (LPRs) who pled guilty to a crime before April 1, 1997 (*INS v. St. Cyr*, 533 U.S. 289). In *Matter of Abdelghany*, 26 I&N Dec. 254 (BIA 2014), the Board of Immigration Appeals stated that relief under former INA section 212(c) is also available to otherwise eligible LPRs, even if they were convicted following a trial before April 1, 1997.

Therefore, you are eligible for relief under former INA section 212(c) if you pled guilty or were convicted in a trial before April 1, 1997, provided you meet all other requirements.

## Am I Eligible To File For Relief Under Former INA Section 212(c)?

You may apply for relief under former INA section 212(c) if you meet all of the requirements below:

1. **Lawful Permanent Residence (LPR).** You were lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence and you continue to be an LPR.

Under 8 Code of Federal Regulation 1.2, your status as an LPR ends once the court issues a final administrative exclusion, deportation, or removal order. If you became subject to a final administrative removal order before you lived in the United States for seven consecutive years of unrelinquished domicile, you are no longer eligible for relief under former INA section 212(c). A final administrative removal order includes an order granting voluntary departure. If you do not leave before the end of the voluntary departure period, the order will become a final removal order.

Also, your becoming an LPR must have been fully lawful. If you obtained LPR status by fraud or material misrepresentation, or if you were ineligible for LPR status for any other reason, you cannot obtain relief under former INA section 212(c).

2. **Lawful Unrelinquished Domicile for Seven Years.** You must have had your “domicile” in the United States for at least seven consecutive years immediately before you file Form I-191 in the United States.

The period that makes up the unrelinquished domicile for seven years started when you became either an LPR or a lawful temporary resident under INA section 210 or 245A. Time that you spent in the United States in any other status does not count.

USCIS acknowledges that “domicile” is a legal term that may be unfamiliar. This means that you must have had your permanent home in the United States, and you must have intended to keep your permanent home in the United States.

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- 3. Criminal Convictions.** You were convicted before April 1, 1997, of any crime that makes you deportable or removable.
  - 4. Eligibility.** You were eligible for relief under the version of former INA section 212(c) that was in effect on the day you were convicted. See the section of these Instructions entitled **What Version of Former INA Section 212(c) Will Apply to My Case, and What Makes Me Ineligible for Relief Under Former INA Section 212(c).**

***What Version of Former INA Section 212(c) Will Apply to My Case and What Makes Me Ineligible for Relief Under Former INA Section 212(c)?***

USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) will decide your application under the version of former INA section 212(c) that was in effect on the date you pled guilty or were convicted.

Congress amended former INA section 212(c) several times before finally repealing the provision. First, section 511 of the Immigration Act of 1990 (“IMMACT90”), Public Law 101-649, made relief under former INA section 212(c) unavailable to certain aggravated felons. Then, section 440(d) of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA), Public Law 104-132, expanded the offenses for which relief under former INA section 212(c) is not available.

**If you pled guilty or were convicted before November 29, 1990.**

The amendments to former INA section 212(c) by section 511(a) of IMMACT90 and by section 440(d) of AEDPA **do not** apply to you if you were convicted:

1. Before November 29, 1990, after a trial; or
2. At any time, *if* you prove that you were convicted based on a plea agreement made *before* November 29, 1990.

You may be eligible for relief under former INA section 212(c) unless you:

1. Are inadmissible to the United States under INA section 212(a)(3) (security related grounds) or INA section (10)(C) (international child abduction); or
2. Failed, after proper notice, to appear for your deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings; failed to comply with a voluntary departure order; or otherwise violated immigration laws relating to deportation proceedings.

**If you pled guilty or were convicted on or after November 29, 1990, but before April 24, 1996.**

The amendment made by section 511(a) of IMMACT90 applies to you *if* you were convicted:

1. In a trial on or after November 29, 1990, and before April 24, 1996; or
2. Before, on, or after November 29, 1990, and before, on or after April 24, 1996, if you prove you were convicted based on a plea agreement made before April 24, 1996.

You may be eligible for relief under former INA section 212(c) unless you:

1. Were convicted of one or more aggravated felonies, as defined in INA section 101(a)(43) **and** you served for this aggravated felony or these aggravated felonies an aggregate 5-year term of imprisonment;
2. Are inadmissible to the United States under INA section 212(a)(3) (security related grounds) or (10)(C) (international child abduction); or
3. Failed, after proper notice, to appear for your deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings; failed to comply with a voluntary departure order; or otherwise violated immigration laws relating to deportation proceedings.

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**If you pled guilty or were convicted on or after April 24, 1996, but before April 1, 1997.**

The amendment made by section 440(d) of AEDPA applies to you *if* you were convicted:

1. On or after November 29, 1990, and before April 24, 1996, after a trial; or
2. Before, on, or after November 29, 1990, and before, on or after April 24, 1996, if you prove you were convicted based on a plea agreement made before April 24, 1996.

You may be eligible for relief under former INA section 212(c) unless you:

1. Were convicted of one or more aggravated felonies;
2. Were convicted of an offense involving a controlled substance under 21 U.S.C. 802;
3. Were convicted of certain offenses involving firearms or destructive devices;
4. Were convicted of two or more crimes involving moral turpitude if each crime is an offense for which a sentence of one year or longer may be imposed;
5. Were convicted of any of the following offenses, including conspiracy or attempt to commit any of them:
  - A. Sabotage, espionage, treason or sedition, if a sentence of imprisonment for at least five years may be imposed;
  - B. Any violation of 18 U.S.C. 871 or 18 U.S.C. 960;
  - C. Any violation of the Military Selective Service Act;
  - D. Any violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act; or
  - E. Any violation of INA section 215 or 278.
6. Are inadmissible to the United States under INA section 212(a)(3) (security related grounds) or (10)(C) (international child abduction); or
7. Failed, after proper notice, to appear for your deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings; failed to comply with a voluntary departure order; or otherwise violated immigration laws relating to deportation proceedings.

**Even if you meet the eligibility requirements, USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) has discretion whether to grant relief under former INA section 212(c). You must establish that your application warrants a favorable exercise of discretion.** For more information on discretion, see **Part 8. Discretion.**

### **General Instructions**

USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**Signature.** Each application must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this application, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

**Filing Fee.** Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. (See the **What Is the Filing Fee** section of these Instructions.)

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**Evidence.** At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the **Specific Instructions** section of these Instructions.

**Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application, petition, or request. After USCIS receives your application and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing, if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.

If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1) You provided or authorized all information in the application;
- 2) You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your application; and
- 3) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) may deny your application.

**Copies.** You should submit legible **photocopies** of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**NOTE:** If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, **your original documents may be immediately destroyed upon receipt.**

**Translations.** If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification should also include the date, the translator's signature and printed name, and may contain the translator's contact information.

### How To Fill Out the Form I-191

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this application, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper, type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (**A-Number**) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers, and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed.

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## Specific Instructions

### Part 1. Information About You

**Item Number 1. Your Full Name.** Provide your full legal name as shown on your identity documents or legal change of name document in the spaces provided.

**Item Number 2. Other Names Used.** Provide other names you have used since birth, including your maiden name, any nicknames, and any names that appear in your documents. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information.**

**Item Number 3. Date of Birth.** Provide your date of birth in mm/dd/yyyy format in the space provided.

**Item Number 4. Alien Registration Number (A-Number).** An Alien Registration Number, otherwise known as an “A-Number,” is typically issued to persons who apply for, or are granted, certain immigration benefits. If you were issued an A-Number, type or print it into the spaces provided. If you do not have an A-Number, or if you cannot remember it, leave this space blank.

**Item Number 5. USCIS Online Account Number.** If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.

**Item Number 6. Place of Birth.** Provide the name of the city, town, or village, state or province, and country where you were born.

**Item Number 7. Country of Citizenship or Nationality.** Provide the country where you are currently a citizen or national. If you do not have citizenship in any country, indicate “stateless.”

**Item Number 8. Mailing Address.** Provide the address where you would like to receive written correspondence regarding this application. Use a mailing address in the United States if you have one. If you do not have a U.S. mailing address, provide your mailing address abroad.

**Item Number 9. Physical Address.** If the place where you live is different from your mailing address, provide the address where you currently reside.

**Item Number 10. Information About When and How You Became a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR).** Provide the date when you became a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR). Also select the box that shows how you obtained LPR status. Select **only one** box.

**Item Numbers 11. - 14. Passport and Travel Document Numbers.** If you used a passport or travel document to travel to the United States, enter either the passport or travel document information in the appropriate space on the application, even if the passport or travel document is currently expired.

**Item Number 15. Information About Your Departures From and Returns To the United States.** List all dates you departed from and returned to the United States since you became a LPR. Also provide a brief description of the means of transportation that you used for travel, and the purpose of your trips.

If you have multiple trips from the United States, but do not remember the exact dates and/or details for the trip, you must still list each trip separately and type or print “approximately” next to the information you provide for that trip.



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## Part 2. Biographic Information

Provide the biographic information requested in **Part 2., Item Numbers 1. - 6.** Providing this information as part of your application may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.

**Item Numbers 1. - 2. Ethnicity and Race.** Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

### Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race

- 1. Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**NOTE:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Part 2., Item Number 1.**)
- 2. White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- 3. Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- 4. Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- 5. American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- 6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**Item Number 3. Height.** Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select “5” for feet and “09” for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

**Item Number 4. Weight.** Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight, or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter “000.” Do not enter your weight in kilograms.

**Item Number 5. Eye Color.** Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

**Item Number 6. Hair Color.** Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

## Part 3. Information About Your Criminal Convictions

Provide the requested information for each of your criminal convictions. The requested information should be on the court documents related to each conviction.

The application has space for your three most recent convictions. You must list **all** of your convictions in the United States and abroad, and provide the information otherwise requested on the application. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information.**

For each conviction, indicate whether you were convicted after a trial or based on a guilty or no contest plea. If you were convicted based on a plea, enter the date the plea agreement was signed or the date you entered your guilty or no contest plea in court.

For each conviction, you must include a certified copy of:

- 1.** The indictment, information, complaint, citation or other formal charging document;
- 2.** Any plea agreement, showing the date it was signed; and
- 3.** The court judgment.

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#### **Part 4. Information About Your Residence**

Provide information about where you have lived during the last seven years. List your most recent residence first and then list every other location where you have lived during the last seven years. There should be no gaps in time. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information**.

#### **Part 5. Information About Your Employment**

List where you have worked full time or part time during the last seven years. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information**.

#### **Part 6. Information About Your Family**

Provide the following information about your family members. Your family members are your spouse, your children, and your parents. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information**.

#### **Part 7. Other Grounds of Removal**

If you believe you may be subject to removal on any grounds other than based on the criminal convictions listed in **Part 3. Information About Your Convictions**, provide a full explanation of why you may be subject to removal.

The other grounds of removal may be any inadmissibility grounds that are listed in section 212(a) of the INA or any deportability grounds that are listed in section 237(a) of the INA. If you have a criminal history besides the criminal convictions listed in **Part 3. Information About Your Convictions**, list these incidents and provide a full explanation. If you were arrested or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason, and no charges were filed, include an original official statement by the arresting or detaining agency or applicable court order confirming that no charges were filed.

If you were arrested or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason and charges were filed, or if charges were filed against you without an arrest, submit an original or court-certified copy of the complete arrest record and/or disposition for each incident (for example, a dismissal order or an acquittal order). If you need extra space to complete your statement, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information** or attach a separate letter.

#### **Part 8. Discretion**

Even if you meet the eligibility requirements, Form I-191 can only be approved if your application warrants a favorable exercise of discretion. This means that you have to establish that the favorable factors in your case outweigh the unfavorable factors.

In the space provided, explain why the favorable factors in your case should outweigh the unfavorable factors. If you need extra space to complete your statement, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information** or attach a separate letter. Indicate in the space that you are including a separate letter. You must submit the separate letter with your Form I-191 application.

Unfavorable factors are any facts that could give a reasonable person a reasonable basis for deciding that you should not be allowed to remain in the United States as a LPR. These unfavorable factors include, but are not limited to:

1. Your criminal record, including its nature, and how recent and serious your crimes were;
2. The nature and underlying circumstances of any other ground of removal that may apply to you;
3. Other significant violations of immigration laws; or
4. Other evidence that supports a finding of bad character or undesirability as an LPR.

**NOTE:** The criminal history that makes you subject to removal is, by itself, an unfavorable factor that weighs against a favorable exercise of discretion.

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Favorable factors that USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) considers include but are not limited to:

1. Family ties in the United States;
2. Length of lawful residence in the United States;
3. Hardship to you or other family members who are living lawfully in the United States;
4. Honorable service in the U.S. Armed Forces;
5. History of lawful employment in the United States;
6. Property or business ties in the United States;
7. Value or service to the community;
8. Proof of genuine rehabilitation or reform;
9. Absence of other violations of U.S. laws (Federal or State); and
10. Good moral character.

You must submit information or documentary evidence showing that you are eligible for this type of relief and why the application should be approved because the favorable factors in your case outweigh the unfavorable factors.

#### **Part 9. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1. - 6.** Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this application yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the application, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your application and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every application **MUST** contain the signature of the applicant (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

#### **Part 10. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1. - 7.** If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the application.

#### **Part 11. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant**

**Item Numbers 1. - 8.** This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter **and** your preparer, that person should complete both **Part 10.** and **Part 11.** If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you prepare this application **MUST** sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may be obliged to also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application.

#### **Part 12. Additional Information**

**Item Numbers 1. - 6.D.** If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space provided in **Part 12. Additional Information.** If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 12.**, you may make copies of **Part 12.** to complete and file with your application, or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and **A-Number** at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number,** and **Item Number** to which your answer refers, and sign and date each sheet.



**We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application to review in the future and for your records. We recommend that you review your copy of your completed application before you come to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC.** At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the application process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your application is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in good faith at that time, USCIS will require you to return for another appointment.

## What Is the Filing Fee?

The filing fee for Form I-191 is **\$790**.

**NOTE:** The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) takes on this application. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** You must submit all fees in the exact amount.

**Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-191 filing fee:**

1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; **and**
2. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

**NOTE:** Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS.”

3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on the method of payment.

**Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.** If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, and your bank will show it on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If your check is returned as **unpayable**, we may reject your **application**.

**NOTE:** When applying with EOIR during removal proceedings, you must submit the payment as instructed by the immigration court with jurisdiction over your case. For information about EOIR, visit the EOIR’s website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir>.

## How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form I-191’s filing fee is current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify that the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.

1. Visit our website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), select “FORMS” and check the appropriate fee; or
2. Call the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

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## Where To File?

Please see our website at [www.uscis.gov/I-191](http://www.uscis.gov/I-191) or call our USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this application. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

## Address Change

An applicant who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from his or her previous residence. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**NOTE:** Do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities because the Lockbox does not process change of address requests.

## Processing Information

**Initial Processing.** Once your application is accepted, it will be checked for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this application, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and your application may be rejected or denied.

**Requests for More Information.** We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your application. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**Requests for Interview.** USCIS may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your application. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

**Decision.** The decision on Form I-191 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS (or an immigration judge if you are in deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings) will notify you of the decision in writing.

## USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this application, visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283**. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Select "Schedule an appointment online" and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.

## Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with Form I-191, USCIS or the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will deny your Form I-191 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

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## DHS Privacy Notice

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 101.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to apply for relief under the former INA section 212(c). DHS and DOJ will use the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, **including your Social Security number (if applicable)**, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in **a rejection or** denial of your application.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this application and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System and DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS 3) and Associated Systems] which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

## Paperwork Reduction Act

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