**8 USC § 1101 – Definitions**

(a)As used in this chapter—

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**(A)**The terms “admission” and “admitted” mean, with respect to an alien, the lawful entry of the alien into the United States after inspection and authorization by an immigration officer.

**(B)**An alien who is paroled under section [1182](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1182)[(d)(5)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/usc_sec_08_00001182----000-#d_5) of this title or permitted to land temporarily as an alien crewman shall not be considered to have been admitted.

**(C)**An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States shall not be regarded as seeking an admission into the United States for purposes of the immigration laws unless the alien—

**(i)**has abandoned or relinquished that status,

**(ii)**has been absent from the United States for a continuous period in excess of 180 days,

**(iii)**has engaged in illegal activity after having departed the United States,

**(iv)**has departed from the United States while under legal process seeking removal of the alien from the United States, including removal proceedings under this chapter and extradition proceedings,

**(v)**has committed an offense identified in section [1182](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1182)[(a)(2)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/usc_sec_08_00001182----000-#a_2) of this title, unless since such offense the alien has been granted relief under section [1182](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1182)[(h)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/usc_sec_08_00001182----000-#h) or [1229b](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1229b)[(a)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/usc_sec_08_00001229---b000-#a) of this title, or

**(vi)**is attempting to enter at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers or has not been admitted to the United States after inspection and authorization by an immigration officer.

(20)The term “lawfully admitted for permanent residence” means the status of having been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration laws, such status not having changed.