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Pages 3-10, General Instructions	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p>General Instructions</p> <p>We provide free forms through the USCIS website. To view, print, or complete our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at http://get.adobe.com/reader/.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 5]</p> <p>How To Complete Form I-485</p> <p>...</p> <p>9. Part 9. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds, <i>Public Charge</i>.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 56., applicants for adjustment of status are subject to the public charge ground of inadmissibility, unless exempt. If you are applying to adjust status under one of the exempt categories listed in Item Number 56., you should select your category and skip Item Numbers 57. - 66.</p> <p>If you are not applying to adjust status under one of the exempt categories listed,</p>	<p>General Instructions</p> <p>[no change]</p> <p>...</p> <p>How To Complete Form I-485</p> <p>...</p> <p>9. Part 9. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds, <i>Public Charge</i>.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 56., applicants for adjustment of status are subject to the public charge ground of inadmissibility, unless exempt. If you are applying to adjust status under one of the exempt categories listed in Item Number 56., you should select your category and skip Item Numbers 57. - 64.</p> <p>If you are not applying to adjust status under one of the exempt categories listed,</p>

	<p>you should select “I do not fall under any of the exempt categories listed above and will complete Item Numbers 57. - 66.” in Part 9., Item Number 56., and you are required to complete Item Numbers 57. - 66. For more information about which categories of aliens are subject to the public charge ground of inadmissibility, see the USCIS Policy Manual Volume 8, Part G, Chapter 3 at https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-8-part-g-chapter-3.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 57., the following individuals are members of your household and should be included in your household size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You; • Your spouse, if physically residing with you; • Your parents, if physically residing with you; • Your unmarried siblings under 21 years of age, if physically residing with you; • Your children as defined in INA section 101(b)(1), if physically residing with you; <p>[Page 7]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other individuals (including a spouse or child not physically residing with you) who are listed as dependents on your Federal income tax return; and • Any other individuals who list you as a dependent on their Federal income tax return. <p>For Part 9., Item Number 58., please select the appropriate box for your household’s annual income. You may include income provided to your household from sources who are not members of your household, including but not limited to alimony or child support. You must exclude any income from Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); state, Tribal, territorial, or local cash</p>	<p>you should select “I do not fall under any of the exempt categories listed above and will complete Item Numbers 57. - 64.” in Part 9., Item Number 56., and you are required to complete Item Numbers 57. - 64. For more information about which categories of aliens are subject to the public charge ground of inadmissibility, see the USCIS Policy Manual Volume 8, Part G, Chapter 3 at https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-8-part-g-chapter-3.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 57., please describe your family status in your own words. If you include your household size, that size should include any individuals whose income, assets, and liabilities you include in Item Numbers 58. – 60.</p> <p>[deleted]</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 58., please select the appropriate box for your household’s annual income. You may include income provided to your household from sources who are not members of your household, including but not limited to alimony or child support. You must exclude any income from means-tested public benefits. You must also exclude any income from illegal activities or sources such as proceeds from illegal gambling or</p>
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	<p>benefit programs for income maintenance (often called “General Assistance” in the state context, but which also exist under other names). You must also exclude any income from illegal activities or sources such as proceeds from illegal gambling or drug sales.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 59., please select the appropriate box for the total value of your household assets. You must exclude any assets from illegal activities or sources such as proceeds from illegal gambling or drug sales. You may not include assets that are not owned by the members of your household. Examples of assets include, but are not limited to, bank deposits, annuities, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, certificates of deposit, retirement accounts, educational accounts, and real estate.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 60., please select the appropriate box for the total value of your household liabilities (including both secured and unsecured liabilities). Only include liabilities owed by members of your household. Examples of liabilities include, but are not limited to, mortgages, car loans, unpaid child or spousal support, unpaid taxes, and current credit card balances.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 61., if the title of your degree does not match one of the degrees listed, please select the nearest equivalent.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 62., please list all of your certifications, licenses, skills obtained through work experience, and educational certificates. This includes, but is not limited to, your workforce skills, training, licenses for specific occupations or professions, foreign language skills, and certificates documenting mastery or apprenticeships in skilled trades or professions. Educational certificates are issued by an educational institution (or a training provider) and certify that an occupation specific program of study was completed.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 63., please note that you should only answer “Yes” if you</p>	<p>drug sales.</p> <p>[no change]</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 62., please list all of skills. Skills that you should list include, but are not limited to, your workforce skills, training, licenses for specific occupations or professions, foreign language skills, and certificates documenting mastery or apprenticeships in skilled trades or professions. Educational certificates are issued by an educational institution (or a training provider) and certify that an occupation specific program of study was completed.</p> <p>For Part 9., Item Number 63., please note that you should only answer “Yes” if you have ever received means-tested public</p>
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	<p>have ever received public benefits referenced in 8 CFR 212.21(b) and (c). This does not include benefits such as: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or other nutrition programs, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), disaster assistance, school lunch programs, housing benefits, cash payments provided for childcare assistance, or other special purpose cash assistance of any type.</p> <p>If you answer “Yes” to Part 9., Item Number 63., complete the table in Part 9., Item Number 65., showing the dates of receipt and dollar amount received of public cash assistance for income maintenance: SSI; TANF; and state, Tribal, territorial, or local cash benefit programs for income maintenance (often called “General Assistance” in the state context, but which also exist under other names).</p> <p>NOTE: Item Numbers 63. - 66. are only asking about public benefits (in other words, public cash assistance for income maintenance and long-term institutionalization at government expense) you received in the past or are currently receiving at the time the Form I-485 is filed, and where you were/are a listed beneficiary. Do not include any public benefits for which you are not listed as a beneficiary, even if you assisted with the application. Do not include benefits that you only applied for, or were approved to receive in the future but have not received in the past and/or are not currently receiving. Do not include public benefits you received only on behalf of another individual.</p> <p>[Page 8]</p> <p>If you answer “Yes” to Part 9., Item Number 64., complete the table in Part 9., Item Number 66. showing the name, city, and state of each institution in which you received long-term institutionalization at government expense. Long-term institutionalization does not include</p>	<p>benefits.</p> <p>If you answer “Yes” to Part 9., Item Number 63., complete the table in Part 9., Item Number 64., showing the benefit received, the dates of receipt, and value of receipt including the dollar amount (if applicable), as well as a detailed explanation of why you received the benefit(s) (e.g. job loss, long-term illness, insufficient income).</p> <p>NOTE: Item Numbers 63. - 64. are asking about any means-tested public benefits that you received in the past or are currently receiving at the time the Form I-485 is filed.</p> <p>[deleted]</p>
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	<p>sporadic or intermittent periods of institutionalization, even on a recurring basis, such as for caregiver respite care or behavioral health or substance abuse disorder treatment. Home and community-based services are not considered as long-term institutionalization at Government expense. Long-term institutionalization also does not include imprisonment for conviction of a crime or institutionalization for short periods for rehabilitation purposes. If you believe that your institutionalization violated Federal law, including the American Disabilities Act or the Rehabilitation Act, you must submit documentation to support your claim.</p> <p>For Item Numbers 65. and 66., you should select the appropriate “Yes” or “No” box in the final column of the table to indicate whether you received public cash assistance for income maintenance or were institutionalized long-term at government expense, as applicable, while you were in an immigration category exempt from the public charge ground of inadmissibility. The full list of exempt categories is codified at 8 CFR 212.23 and listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees at the time of admission under INA section 207 and at the time of adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident under INA section 209; • Asylees at the time of grant under INA section 208 and at the time of adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident under INA section 209; • Amerasian immigrants at the time of application for admission as described in sections 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988, Public Law 100–202, 101 Stat. 1329–183, section 101(e) (Dec. 22, 1987), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1101 note; • Afghan and Iraqi Interpreters, or Afghan or Iraqi nationals employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government as described in section 1059(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 Public Law 109–163 (Jan. 6, 2006), as amended, and 	
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	<p>section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, Public Law 111–8, title VI (Mar. 11, 2009), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1101 note, and section 1244(g) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as amended, Public Law 110–181 (Jan. 28, 2008);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuban and Haitian entrants applying for adjustment of status under section 202 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99–603, 100 Stat. 3359 (Nov. 6, 1986), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1255a note; • Aliens applying for adjustment of status under the Cuban Adjustment Act, Public Law 89–732 (Nov. 2, 1966), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1255 note; • Nicaraguans and other Central Americans applying for adjustment of status under section 202(a) and section 203 of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA), Public Law 105–100, 111 Stat. 2193 (Nov. 19, 1997), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1255 note; • Haitians applying for adjustment of status under section 902 of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681 (Oct. 21, 1998), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1255 note; • Lautenberg parolees as described in section 599E of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1990, Public Law 101–167, 103 Stat. 1195, title V (Nov. 21, 1989), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1255 note; • Special immigrant juveniles as described in INA section 245(h); • Aliens who entered the United States prior to January 1, 1972, and who meet the other conditions for being granted lawful permanent residence under INA section 249 and 8 CFR part 249 (Registry); • Aliens applying for or reregistering for Temporary Protected Status as described in INA section 244 in accordance with INA section 244(c)(2)(A)(ii) and 8 CFR 244.3(a); • Nonimmigrants described in INA 	
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sections 101(a)(15)(A)(i) and (ii) (Ambassador, Public Minister, Career Diplomat or Consular Officer, or Immediate Family or Other Foreign Government Official or Employee, or Immediate Family), in accordance with INA section 102 and 22 CFR 41.21(d);

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- Nonimmigrants classifiable as C–2 (alien in transit to U.N. Headquarters) or C–3 (foreign government official), in accordance with 22 CFR 41.21(d);
- Nonimmigrants described in INA sections 101(a)(15)(G)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), (Principal Resident Representative of Recognized Foreign Government to International Organization, and related categories), in accordance with INA section 102 and 22 CFR 41.21(d);
- Nonimmigrants classifiable as NATO–1, NATO–2, NATO–3, NATO–4 (NATO representatives), and NATO–6 in accordance with 22 CFR 41.21(d);
- Applicants for nonimmigrant status under INA section 101(a)(15)(T), in accordance with INA section 212.16(b);
- Individuals who are seeking an immigration benefit for which admissibility is required, including but not limited to adjustment of status under INA sections 245(a) and 245(l) and who have a pending application that sets forth a prima facie case for eligibility for nonimmigrant status under INA section 101(a)(15)(T), or have been granted nonimmigrant status under INA section 101(a)(15)(T), provided that the individual is in valid T nonimmigrant status at the time the benefit request is properly filed with USCIS and at the time the benefit request is adjudicated;
- Petitioners for nonimmigrant status under INA section 101(a)(15)(U), in accordance with INA section 212(a)(4)(E)(ii) or individuals who are granted nonimmigrant status under INA section 101(a)(15)(U) in accordance with INA section 212(a)(4)(E)(ii), who

	<p>are seeking an immigration benefit for which admissibility is required, including, but not limited to, adjustment of status under INA section 245(a), provided that the individuals are in valid U nonimmigrant status at the time the benefit request is properly filed with USCIS and at the time the benefit request is adjudicated;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any aliens who are VAWA self-petitioners under INA section 212(a)(4)(E)(i); • Qualified aliens described in section 431(c) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1641(c), under INA section 212(a)(4)(E)(iii); • Applicants adjusting status who qualify for a benefit under section 1703 of the National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law 108–136, 117 Stat. 1392 (Nov. 24, 2003), 8 U.S.C. 1151 note (posthumous benefits to surviving spouses, children, and parents); • American Indians born in Canada determined to fall under INA section 289; • Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Public Law 97–429 (Jan. 8, 1983); • Nationals of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos applying for adjustment of status under section 586 of Public Law 106–429 under 8 CFR 245.21; • Polish and Hungarian Parolees who were paroled into the United States from November 1, 1989 to December 31, 1991, under section 646(b) of the IIRIRA, Public Law 104–208, Div. C, Title VI, Subtitle D (Sept. 30, 1996), 8 U.S.C. 1255 note; • Applicants adjusting status who qualify for a benefit under Section 7611 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, Public Law 116–92, 113 Stat. 1198, 2309 (December 20, 2019) (Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness), later extended by Section 901 of Division O, Title IX of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260 (December 27, 2020) (Adjustment of Status for Liberian Nationals Extension); 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain Syrian nationals adjusting status under Public Law 106–378; and • Any other categories of aliens exempt under any other law from the public charge ground of inadmissibility, INA section 212(a)(4). <p>For more information on the receipt of public benefits and its impact on public charge inadmissibility determinations, please see USCIS Policy Manual Volume 8, Part G, at https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-8-part-g and the Public Charge Resources web content at https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge/public-charge-resources.</p> <p>[Page 10]</p> <p>10. Part 10. Applicant’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. You must sign and date your application and, if applicable, provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number, and email address. The signature of a parent or legal guardian, if applicable, is acceptable. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>For more information on the receipt of public benefits and its impact on public charge inadmissibility determinations, please see USCIS Policy Manual Volume 8, Part G, at https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-8-part-g and the Public Charge Resources web content at https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge/public-charge-resources.</p> <p>[no change]</p> <p>...</p>