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Form I-356, Instructions for Request for Cancellation of Public Charge Bond
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Page 1, When Will USCIS Cancel a Public Charge Bond?	[Page 1] When Will USCIS Cancel a Public Charge Bond? A public charge bond will be cancelled once the alien dies, has permanently departed from the United States, is naturalized, or after the fifth anniversary of the alien becoming a lawful permanent resident (LPR). See Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 213 and 8 CFR 103.6(c)(1). A public charge bond may also be cancelled at any time if USCIS finds that the alien is not likely to become a public charge. Regardless of the reason cancellation of the public charge bond is requested, USCIS will only cancel the public charge bond if: 1. The obligor (or agent/co-obligor) or the alien (or the alien's attorney or accredited representative, if any, or if the alien is deceased, the executor of the alien's estate) files this form to request cancellation of the public charge bond; 2. The public charge bond was not breached. A bond is breached when there has been a substantial violation of the stipulated conditions; and	When Will USCIS Cancel a Public Charge Bond? A public charge bond will be cancelled once the alien dies, has permanently departed from the United States, is naturalized, or after the fifth anniversary of the alien becoming a lawful permanent resident (LPR). See Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 213 and 8 CFR 103.6(c)(1). Regardless of the reason cancellation of the public charge bond is requested, USCIS will only cancel the public charge bond if: [no change] 2. The public charge bond was not breached. A bond is breached when there has been a substantial violation of the stipulated conditions such as the receipt of any means-tested public benefit.

	3. If requesting cancellation of the public charge bond after the fifth anniversary of becoming a lawful permanent resident, the requestor demonstrates that the alien did not become a public charge prior to the fifth anniversary. When examining whether the public charge bond can be cancelled, USCIS evaluates whether there has been a breach of the bond and all requirements for cancellation are met. If this request and the evidence does not establish that the bond can be cancelled, the bond will remain in effect until the conditions for cancellation of the bond are met. USCIS will inform the obligor and the alien of the decision. The obligor, but not the alien (or the alien’s representative, if applicable), may appeal the decision in accordance with 8 CFR 103, Subpart A.	[no change] If this request and the evidence does not establish that the bond can be cancelled, the bond will remain in effect until the conditions for cancellation of the bond are met, unless the bond is breached. USCIS will inform the obligor and the alien of the decision. The obligor, but not the alien (or the alien’s representative, if applicable), may appeal the decision in accordance with 8 CFR 103, Subpart A.
Pages 3-5, Specific Instructions	[Page 3] Specific Instructions Part 1. Obligor and Agent/Co-Obligor Information (To Be Completed by the Obligor or Agent/Co-Obligor) Provide the obligor’s, agent/co-obligor’s, and bond information as requested in the request. For surety bonds, please include the name of the surety company. Part 2. Obligor’s or Agent/Co-Obligor’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (To Be Completed by the Obligor or Agent/Co-Obligor) ... Part 4. Reason for Cancellation of the Bond ... Item Number 5. Five Years after Becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. Answer “Yes” if you have been a lawful permanent resident for at least five years. Provide the date when you became a lawful permanent resident, in mm/dd/yyyy format.	Specific Instructions [no change] Part 2. Obligor’s or Agent/Co-Obligor’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (To Be Completed By the Obligor or Agent/Co-Obligor) ... Part 4. Reason for Cancellation of the Bond ... Item Number 5. Five Years After Becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. Answer “Yes” if you have been a lawful permanent resident for at least five years. Provide the date when you became a lawful permanent resident, in mm/dd/yyyy format.

	Provide a copy of your lawful permanent resident card. ...	Provide a copy of your lawful permanent resident card. ...
Page 7, Paperwork Reduction Act	[Page 7] Paperwork Reduction Act USCIS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the form, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-0005. Do not mail your completed Form I-356 to this address.	Paperwork Reduction Act USCIS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 0.75 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, and attaching necessary documentation. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capitol Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-0136. Do not mail your completed Form I-945 to this address.