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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is updating existing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding the exercise of the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security's discretion in adjudications of adjustment of status applications.

This update clarifies existing content by providing a non-exhaustive list of positive and negative factors that may be relevant to whether an adjustment of status applicant warrants a favorable exercise of discretion. It also lists the privileges, rights and responsibilities of lawful permanent residents (LPRs) as a reference for officers to consider when determining whether the grant of LPR status is in the best interest of the United States.

This update will assist officers in making more consistent discretionary decisions by providing a foundation to identify and analyze negative and positive factors in adjustment of status applications.

For more information, see the [Policy Manual update \(PDF, 295.45 KB\)](#).

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