



- Thank you for joining today's webinar,  
**Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberia**
- The webinar will begin shortly
- All lines are muted



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



---

# **Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) Law and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberia**

---

# DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE (DED) FOR LIBERIA



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- On Jan. 20, 2021, President Biden issued a [Memorandum to the Secretary of Homeland Security](#) extending DED and employment authorization through June 30, 2022, for eligible Liberians and certain other persons without nationality who had DED as of Jan. 10, 2021.
- The Federal Register Notice published on Feb. 16, 2021.

# ELIGIBILITY



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## To be eligible for employment authorization under DED for Liberians, you must:

- Be a national of Liberia (or persons without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who:
  - Continuously resided in the United States since October 1, 2002;
  - Held TPS on September 30, 2007, the termination date of a former TPS designation for Liberia; and
  - Was covered under DED for Liberians as of January 10, 2021.

# GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Who would be ineligible for TPS for the reasons set forth in section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2)(B);
- Who sought or seeks LPR status under the LRIF provision but whose applications have been or are denied by the Secretary;
- Whose removal the Secretary determines is in the interest of the United States, subject to the LRIF provision and other applicable law;
- Whose presence or activities in the United States the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

# GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Who has voluntarily returned to Liberia or his or her country of last habitual residence outside the United States for an aggregate period of 180 days or more, as specified in subsection (c) of the LRIF provision;
- Who was deported, excluded, or removed prior to January 20, 2021; or
- Who is subject to extradition.

# AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF EADS



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Regardless of your country of birth, if you are a national of Liberia (or a person having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia), the FRN automatically extends your DED-based EAD with expiration date of March 30, 2020 or January 10, 2021 bearing the notation A-11 on the front of the card under “Category,” though June 30, 2022.
- Individuals who remain eligible for DED can obtain a new EAD regardless of whether they have had an EAD previously; however, they do not need to apply for a new EAD to benefit from this automatic extension.
- Your EAD is still valid through June 30, 2022, even though its marked expiration date has passed.



# LIBERIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FAIRNESS (LRIF)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



Allows certain Liberian nationals and their spouses, unmarried children under 21 years old, or unmarried sons and daughters 21 years old or older living in the United States, who meet the eligibility requirements, to apply to become lawful permanent residents (receive Green Cards).



# ELIGIBILITY



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## To be eligible for a Green Card under the LRIF, you must:

- Be a national of Liberia who has been continuously physically present in the United States during the period beginning on Nov. 20, 2014, and ending on the date you properly file your Form I-485;

OR

- Be the spouse, child (unmarried and under 21 years of age), or unmarried son or daughter (21 or older) of a Liberian national who meets the continuous physical presence requirement.

# ELIGIBILITY (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## To be eligible for a Green Card under the LRIF, you must also:

- Be admissible to the United States or eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility;

AND

- Properly file Form I-485, that is received by USCIS on or by Dec. 20, 2021.

# ELIGIBILITY (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

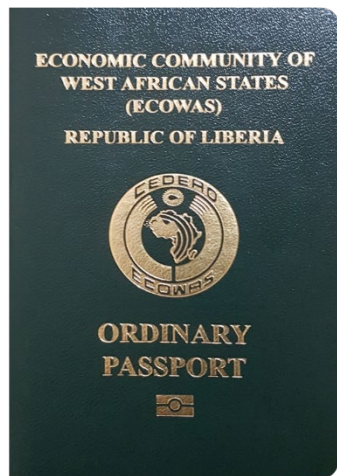
**Applicants are not eligible for a Green Card under the LRIF law if they have:**

- Been convicted of any aggravated felony;
- Been convicted of two or more crimes involving moral turpitude (other than a purely political offense); or
- Ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

# LIBERIAN NATIONAL REQUIREMENT



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



If you are applying as a national of Liberia, you must submit evidence of being a Liberian national.

# CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL PRESENCE



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## The Liberian national is subject to the continuous physical presence requirement:

- Must have been continuously physically present in the United States during the period beginning on Nov. 20, 2014, and ending on the date the LRIF applicant properly files Form I-485.
- Will be considered to have maintained continuous physical presence if their absences from the United States amount to not more than 180 days in the aggregate (total).

# EVIDENCE USED TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL PRESENCE



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

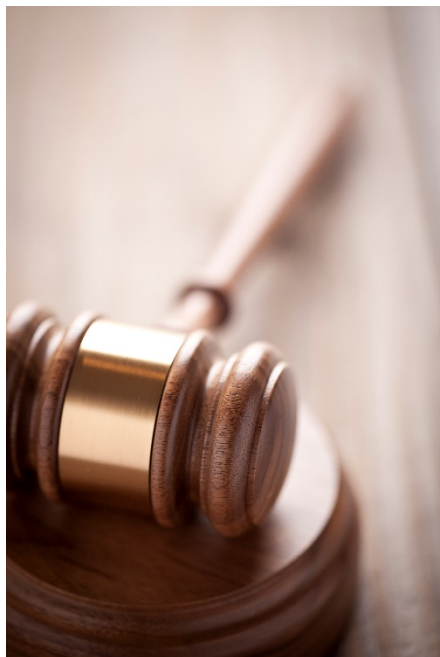
- Copy of passport pages with nonimmigrant visa, admission, or parole stamps;
- Income tax records;
- Utility bills;
- Birth, marriage, and death certificates for immediate family members;
- Bank records; and
- School records.



# GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



- To qualify for a Green Card, you must be admissible to the United States.
- If you are inadmissible, the law may allow you to apply for a waiver or other form of relief that can overcome the grounds of inadmissibility.



# GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## The following grounds of inadmissibility do not apply to LRIF applicants:

- Public charge (INA 212(a)(4));
- Labor certification (INA 212(a)(5));
- Aliens present without admission or parole (INA 212(a)(6)(A)); and
- Documentation requirements (INA 212(a)(7)(A)).

# HOW TO APPLY



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- If you are currently in the United States and meet the eligibility requirements, you may file Form I-485 to apply for a Green Card based on the LRIF.
- You must apply for adjustment of status based on the LRIF and your application must be received on or before Dec. 20, 2021.
- The Form I-485 fee is \$1,140. A biometric services fee of \$85 is also required for applicants between 14 and 79 years of age.
- See the [Form I-485](#) page to download the form and for further instructions.

# COMPLETING FORM I-485



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## Part 2. Application Type or Filing Category (continued)

### Special Programs Based on Certain Public Laws

- 7.a. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Cuban Adjustment Act
- 7.b. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Cuban Adjustment Act for battered spouses and children
- 7.c. ☐ Applicant adjusting based on dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act
- 7.d. ☐ Applicant adjusting based on dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act for battered spouses and children
- 7.e. ☐ Lautenberg Parolees
- 7.f. ☐ Diplomats or high ranking officials unable to return home (Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957)
- 7.g. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Indochinese Parole Adjustment Act of 2000
- 7.h. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Amerasian Act (October 22, 1982), Form I-360

### Additional Options

- 8.a. ☐ Diversity Visa program
- 8.b. ☐ Continuous residence in the United States since before January 1, 1972 ("Registry")
- 8.c. ☐ Individual born in the United States under diplomatic status
- 8.d. ☐ S nonimmigrants and qualifying family members (only law enforcement agencies can file Form I-485 for someone in this category.)

- 8.e. ☒ Other eligibility (see the Form I-485 Instructions, Who May Form I-485, Item Number 3. Other Immigrant Categories for examples)

LRIF

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 9.a., answer Item Numbers 9.b. - 9.c. If you answered "No," skip to Item Number 10.

- 9.b. How is your relative related to you?
- ☐ Brother or sister
- ☐ Husband, wife, father, mother, child, adult son, or adult daughter
- 9.c. This relative is a:
- ☐ U.S. citizen
- ☐ U.S. national
- ☐ Lawful permanent resident
- ☐ None of the above
10. Regardless of the immigrant category you are adjusting under, do you hold:
- VAWA self-petitioner status ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Victim of Qualifying Criminal Activity (U nonimmigrant) status ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Human trafficking victim (T nonimmigrant) status ☐ Yes ☐ No

### INA Section 245(i)

11. Are you applying for adjustment based on the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 245(i)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 11., you must have selected a family-based, employment-based, special immigrant, or Diversity Visa immigrant category listed above in Item Numbers 2.a. - 8.e. as the basis for your application for adjustment of status. Fill out the rest of this application AND Supplement A to Form I-485, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i) (Supplement A). For detailed filing instructions, read the Form I-485 Instructions (including any Additional Instructions that

On your Form I-485, in **Part 2**, you must choose "**Other Eligibility**". In the text box, write "**LRIF**"

# COMPLETING FORM I-485 (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

Additionally, the [Special instructions](#) for Form I-485 LRIF principal applicants require the LRIF applicants to submit proof of continuous residence from Nov. 20, 2014, through the date of I-485 filing.

# ADDITIONAL FORMS



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record
  - Required form;
  - May be submitted with your Form I-485; by mail after filing Form I-485; or at your interview, if one is required.
- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document
  - Optional form.

# ADDITIONAL FORMS (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization
  - Optional form;
  - May be submitted with your Form I-485 or your Form I-485 is pending with USCIS.
    - If you submit your Form I-765 after filing your Form I-485, based on LRIF law, you must include proof that your Form I-485 is pending.
    - For example, a photocopy of the Form I-797, Receipt Notice, for your Form I-485.

# FILING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Evidence of their relationship to a Liberian principal applicant;
- Evidence of termination of any prior marriages, and any prior marriages of the Liberian principal applicant, if applying as the eligible spouse of a Liberian principal applicant; and
- Evidence that the Liberian principal applicant obtained LPR status or has a pending application for adjustment of status under LRIF, if the eligible family member is not filing concurrently with the Liberian principal applicant.



# COMPLETING FORM I-485 FOR FAMILY MEMBERS



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## Part 2. Application Type or Filing Category

(continued)

### Special Programs Based on Certain Public Laws

- 7.a. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Cuban Adjustment Act
- 7.b. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Cuban Adjustment Act for battered spouses and children
- 7.c. ☐ Applicant adjusting based on dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act
- 7.d. ☐ Applicant adjusting based on dependent status under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act for battered spouses and children
- 7.e. ☐ Lautenberg Parolees
- 7.f. ☐ Diplomats or high ranking officials unable to return home (Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957)
- 7.g. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Indochinese Parole Adjustment Act of 2000
- 7.h. ☐ Applicant adjusting under the Amerasian Act (October 22, 1982), Form I-360

### Additional Options

- 8.a. ☐ Diversity Visa program
- 8.b. ☐ Continuous residence in the United States since before January 1, 1972 ("Registry")
- 8.c. ☐ Individual born in the United States under diplomatic status
- 8.d. ☐ S nonimmigrants and qualifying family members (only law enforcement agencies can file Form I-485 for someone in this category.)

- 8.e. ☒ Other eligibility (see the Form I-485 Instructions, Who May Form I-485, Item Number 3. Other Immigrant Categories for examples)

LRIF Family Member

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 9.a., answer Item Numbers 9.b. - 9.c. If you answered "No," skip to Item Number 10.

- 9.b. How is your relative related to you?
- ☐ Brother or sister
- ☐ Husband, wife, father, mother, child, adult son, or adult daughter
- 9.c. This relative is a:
- ☐ U.S. citizen
- ☐ U.S. national
- ☐ Lawful permanent resident
- ☐ None of the above
10. Regardless of the immigrant category you are adjusting under, do you hold:
- VAWA self-petitioner status ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Victim of Qualifying Criminal Activity (U nonimmigrant) status ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Human trafficking victim (T nonimmigrant) status ☐ Yes ☐ No

### INA Section 245(i)

11. Are you applying for adjustment based on the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 245(i)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 11, you must have selected a family-based, employment-based, special immigrant, or Diversity Visa immigrant category listed above in Item Numbers 2.a. - 8.e. as the basis for your application for adjustment of status. Fill out the rest of this application AND Supplement A to Form I-485, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i) (Supplement A). For detailed filing instructions, read the Form I-485 Instructions (including any Additional Instructions that

On your Form I-485, in **Part 2**, you must choose "**Other Eligibility**". In the text box, write "**LRIF FAMILY MEMBER**"

# EVIDENCE OF U.S. ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES REQUIREMENT



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- All LRIF applicants, whether the Liberian principal or family member, must provide a list of all arrivals to and departures from the United States.
- Applications should submit evidence of all arrivals to and departures from the United States.
- USCIS uses this information to determine the date of lawful permanent residence for approved LRIF-based adjustment applications.

# PROCESS



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## STEP 01

Complete and sign Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. Mail Form I-485, supporting forms, evidence, and filing fee to USCIS. Receive a receipt notice by mail.

## STEP 02

Attend a biometrics appointment at an Application Support Center.

## STEP 03

You may be required to attend an interview at a USCIS field office.

## STEP 04

Receive a decision notice by mail. Receive a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551 or "green card") by mail, if approved.

# FILING TIPS: SUBMIT YOUR BEST SUPPORTED APPLICATION



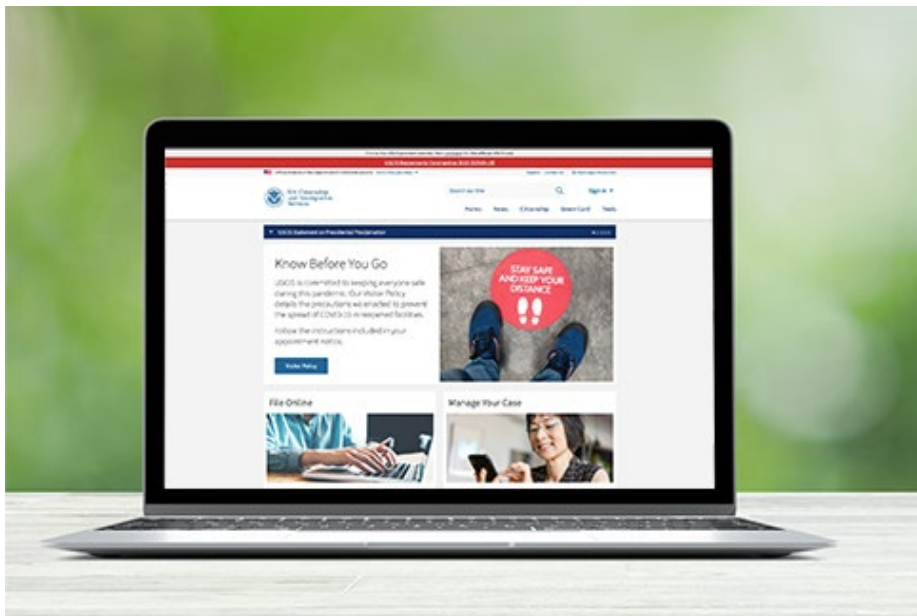
U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Don't wait to file! The filing deadline is December 20, 2021. Your application must be received by that date and not be rejected.
- Select "Other Eligibility" in Part 2 and enter "LRIF" or "LRIF Family Member" in the text box.
- Remember to sign your form! We will reject and return any unsigned form.
- Use the most current form version.
- We prefer that you download forms from our website, complete them electronically, and then print your forms to submit.
- Complete the entire form.
- Update your address with USCIS.

# SELF-HELP TOOLS AND RESOURCES



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



The [USCIS webpage](#) offers the following free services:

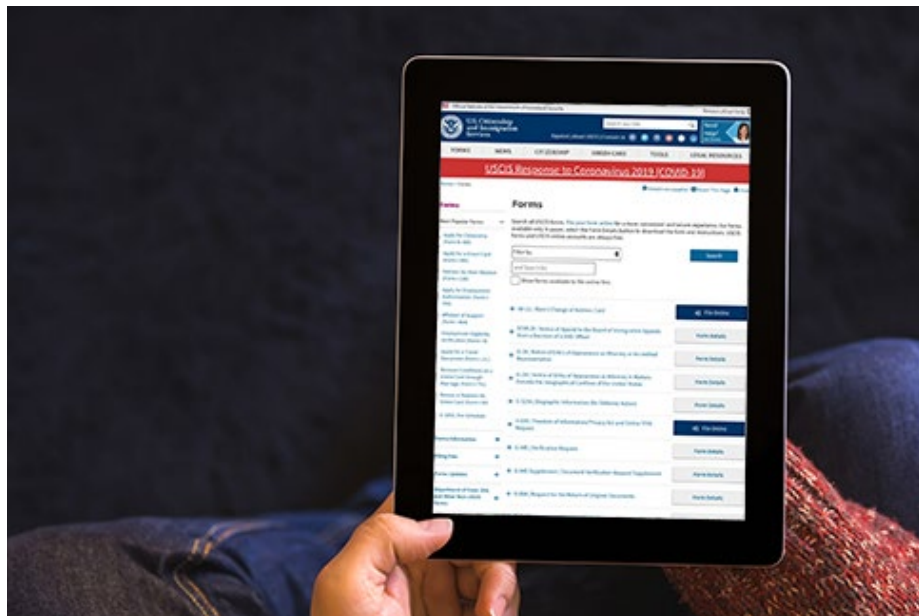
- ✓ Check your [case status](#)
- ✓ [Change your address](#)
- ✓ Check [processing times](#)
- ✓ “[How Do I](#)” fact sheets



# SELF-HELP TOOLS AND RESOURCES (continued)



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



The [USCIS webpage](#) offers the following free services:

- ✓ [Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness](#) webpage
- ✓ Download [forms](#)
- ✓ [Online filing](#) (for some forms)
- ✓ Create an account on [myUSCIS](#)

# AVOID SCAMS

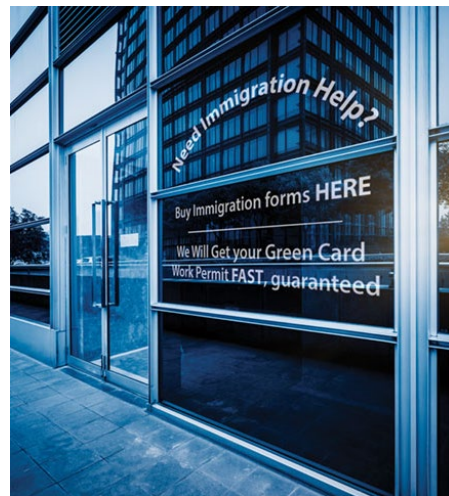


U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

Visit the [USCIS Avoid Scams](#) webpage to learn more about:

- [Form filing tips](#);
- Common immigration scams;
- How to [report immigration scams](#);  
and
- How to find [legal services and help](#).

THE WRONG HELP  
CAN HURT  
BEWARE OF IMMIGRATION SCAMS





# Q&A SESSION



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

Questions?

Thank you!

# DISCLAIMER



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

This presentation module is intended solely as informational. It is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create or confer any right(s) or benefit(s), substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any individual or other party in benefit applications before USCIS, in removal proceedings, in litigation with the United States, or in any other form or manner. This presentation does not have the force of law, or of a DHS directive.

# DISSEMINATION



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

This presentation may not be  
reproduced or further disseminated.

# ABOUT THIS PRESENTATION



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Date of last legal review: 02-25-2021
- Any references in documents or text, with the exception of case law, relate to fictitious individuals.
- This presentation contains no sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (PII).