ASYLUM-BASED ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS

Checklist of Evidence to Submit with I-485 Adjustment of Status (Green Card) Application
Asylee Principal Applicant

The noncitizen who was granted asylum is called the principal applicant. If you are the principal applicant, you should submit the following documentation and evidence to apply for a Green Card:

☐ Required fee (varies but typically $1,225) **OR** Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver + evidence of eligibility for a Fee Waiver (e.g., receipt of public benefits such as CalFresh)

☐ Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

☐ Form G-1145, Request for e-Notification (optional)

☐ Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

☐ Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (optional)

☐ Proof of your grant of asylum (such as a copy of the Approval Notice from USCIS, or Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record that shows the date you were granted asylum)

☐ Evidence of one-year of physical presence in the U.S. (e.g., lease agreement, paystubs, school records, utility or phone bills) – at least one document for each 3-month period or quarter:

- ☐ Quarter 1 Documents: _____
- ☐ Quarter 2 Documents: _____
- ☐ Quarter 3 Documents: _____
- ☐ Quarter 4 Documents: _____

☐ Two passport-style photographs (IILA clients can submit for reimbursement[1])

☐ Full copy of your government-issued identity document with photograph (e.g., both sides of EAD Card, every page of your Passport)

☐ Copy of your birth certificate or Tazkera (must be translated into English)

☐ Copy of your most recent I-94

☐ Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (NOTE: you may submit this form with Form I-485 or later, for example, when USCIS requests it or in person at your interview, if any)

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[1] To receive reimbursement for photographs, you must:

1. Mail your **original** receipt to:
   IILA
   Attn: ALRP Director Cynthia Hernandez
   3845 Selig Place
   Los Angeles, CA 90031
2. Write your name on the receipt and
3. Include the address where you want the reimbursement check to be mailed.

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☐ Certified police and court records of criminal charges, arrests, or convictions (if applicable, discuss with your attorney)

☐ Form I-602, Application by Refugee for Waiver of Grounds of Excludability (if applicable, discuss with your attorney)

☐ I-824, Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition (if applicable, discuss with your attorney)

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Asylee Derivative Applicant

If you were granted derivative asylum status based on your spouse or parent's principal asylum grant, you may apply for a Green Card. In order to be eligible for an asylum-based green card as a derivative applicant, you must meet the following requirements:

- You properly filed your own Form I-485;
- You are currently the principal applicant's spouse or child and the principal applicant still meets the definition of a refugee;
- You were granted asylum:
    - As an accompanying derivative of the principal asylee because you were included on the principal applicant's Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, or
    - As a following-to-join beneficiary of an approved Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition filed by the principal applicant;
- You are physically present in the United States at the time you file your Form I-485;
- You have been physically present in the United States for at least one year since you were granted asylum as a derivative;
- Your grant of asylum has not been terminated;
- You are admissible to the United States for lawful permanent residence or eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility or other form of relief; and
- You merit the favorable exercise of discretion.

If you are a Derivative Applicant, you should submit the following documentation and evidence to apply for a Green Card:

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☐ Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

☐ Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (optional)

☐ Evidence of your asylum status (such as a copy of the letter, decision of an immigration judge, Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, or approved I-730 Petition filed on your behalf that shows the date you were granted asylum as a derivative)

☐ Evidence showing your relationship to the principal applicant, such as a marriage certificate, birth certificate/Tazkera (must be translated into English), or adoption decree

☐ Evidence of one-year physical presence in the U.S. (e.g., lease agreement, paystubs, school records, utility or phone bills)

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Current fees for are listed here: https://www.uscis.gov/i-485 (as of 12/6/2023):

If You Are…	Form Fee	Biometric Services Fee	Total
Under 14 and filing with the Form I-485 application of at least 1 parent	$750	$0	**$750**
Under 14 and not filing with the Form I-485 application of at least one parent	$1,140	$0	**$1,140**
Age 14–78	$1,140	$85	**$1,225**
Age 79 or older	$1,140	$0	**$1,140**
Filing Form I-485 based on having been admitted to the United States as a refugee	$0	$0	**$0**

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