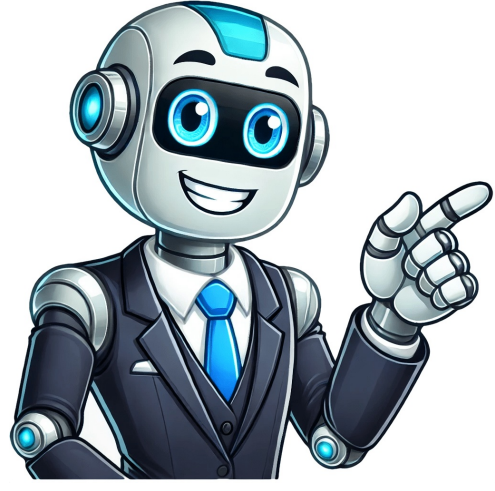


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While both the Green Card and U.S. citizenship confer rights to reside and work in the United States legally, they mean very different things. A Green Card holder or lawful permanent resident (LPR) is someone who has been granted the right to live in the United States indefinitely and is given a photo ID commonly known as Green Card that proves their status.Green Card rights and dutiesPermanent residents have the right to work and live in the U.S. indefinitely, as well as the right to petition for close family members for a Green Card. However, because Green Card's relatives are considered preference relatives, this process takes considerably longer than for a U.S. citizen. Permanent residents continue to be the citizens of another country, which means they do not have the right to U.S. passport. Lawful permanent residents do not have the right to vote in U.S. elections and may lose their status if U.S. government considers they have abandoned their status, by spending more than 6 months outside the United States, for example. If a lawful permanent resident plans on leaving the U.S. for a period exceeding 1 year, they must first obtain a permit if they do not wish to abandon their status. After a certain amount of time, permanent residents can apply for U.S. citizenship, also known as the naturalization process.U.S. Citizenship rights and responsibilitiesU.S. Citizenship is a status that entails specific rights, duties, and benefits, usually acquired by birth: A U.S. Citizen has the right to live and work in the United States and to receive federal assistance. Individuals can become U.S. citizens by birth, through U.S. citizen parents, or through the process known as naturalization.A U.S. citizen is eligible to receive a U.S. passport, which is issued by the U.S. State department. Many countries allow visa-free travel for U.S. citizens. A U.S. citizen may also leave and reenter the U.S. at any time without being subject to the grounds of inadmissibility or require a re-entry permit. U.S. citizens can also vote in U.S. federal and local elections, hold certain federal jobs, and receive federal benefits. U.S. citizens are also eligible to petition for family members to obtain U.S. citizenship. The United States has a long history of immigration, and many immigrants have contributed to the country's growth and development. While the process of obtaining a Green Card can be challenging, it is a significant step towards achieving permanent residency in the United States. This article provides a comprehensive overview of the Green Card process, from eligibility requirements to the final steps of obtaining the card. It also discusses the rights and responsibilities of Green Card holders and the path to U.S. citizenship. The information is intended to be a general guide and should not be considered legal advice. For specific information, please consult with an immigration attorney or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

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under and what the eligibility requirements are. Being Sponsored for a Green Card Most people who apply for a Green Card will need to complete at least two forms: an immigrant petition and a Green Card application (Form I-485). Someone else usually must file the petition for you (often referred to as sponsoring or petitioning for you), although you may be eligible to file for yourself in some cases. Here are the most common forms: Other petitions include: Refer to your eligibility category to see if you need a petition. 2. Are you inside or outside the United States? If you are eligible to apply for a Green Card, you then need to determine which process to use: adjustment of status or consular processing. General Application Process The steps you must take to apply for a Green Card will vary depending on your individual situation. However, here is the general application process that most applicants will go through: Someone usually must file an immigrant petition for you (often referred to as sponsoring or petitioning for you). In some cases, you may be eligible to file for yourself. After USCIS approves the immigrant petition, and there is a visa available in your category, you file either a Green Card application with USCIS or a visa application with the U.S. Department of State. You go to a biometrics appointment to provide fingerprints, photos, and a signature. You go to an interview. You receive a decision on your application. If Your Green Card Application Is Pending with USCIS If you already submitted a Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, and your case is pending with USCIS, go to our While Your Green Card Application Is Pending with USCIS page for more information on checking your case status, updating your address, and making appointments with USCIS. How to Track Delivery of Your Green Card, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and Travel Document Sign up for a Case Status Online account to get automatic case updates, including your U.S. Postal Service (USPS) tracking number when we mail your card or travel document. Register for Informed Delivery through USPS to get daily images of mail being sent to you. With Informed Delivery, you can: Automatically track the packages you're expecting Set up email and text alerts Enter USPS Delivery Instructions for your mail carrier If your USPS tracking information shows your package was delivered but you have not received it, contact your local post office immediately. Remember, we will mail your card or travel document to the address you provided on your application (unless you told us to mail it your representative on Form G-28, Notice of Entry or Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative). If your mailing address changes after you file your application, you must update your address with USCIS and USPS as soon as possible. We recommend you use the USPS Look Up a ZIP Code tool to ensure that you give USCIS your full address using the standard abbreviations and formatting recognized by USPS. If you don't update your address promptly, your case could be delayed, your document(s) could get lost, and you may need to reapply and pay the fee again. If You Already Have a Green Card If you already have a Green Card, go to our After a Green Card is Granted page for more information on travel, renewing a card, and your rights and responsibilities as a Green Card holder.

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