

**Operations Memorandum - Miscellaneous
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SUBJECT: Identification of Refugees
TO: Executive Directors
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Purpose

To provide County Assistance Offices (CAOs) with codes to identify non-citizens who were admitted into the United States (US) as refugees and have since changed status to permanent residents but remain eligible for refugee services through the Pennsylvania Refugee Resettlement Program.

Background/Discussion

Operations Memorandum #[98-11-06](#) provided CAOs with guidance concerning the initial job search options available to non-citizens who meet the definition of a refugee under Title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides funding for employment services for refugees. This funding is targeted for the first 12 months after a refugee arrives in the US but can continue for up to five years on an as-needed basis. The Operations Memorandum refers to the Supplemental Handbook section 730.2 for the description of the class codes that identify refugees who are eligible for employment services. The list of codes in the handbook is not complete. The Office of Social Programs' prime contractor for refugee services, Lutheran Children and Family Services of Eastern Pennsylvania, has provided the following information. It also can be found on their Internet web site at www.lcfsinpa.org:

Client Eligibility

To be eligible for Federally-funded refugee services in Pennsylvania, an individual must be:

1. **A REFUGEE**,
having been admitted to the US as a refugee pursuant to INA §207; or
2. **AN ASSYLEE**,
granted asylum in the US-or in the case of Iraqi Kurds, granted asylum in Guam-pursuant to INA §208; or
3. **A CUBAN OR HAITIAN ENTRANT**,
admitted to the US pursuant to the Refugee Assistance Act of 1990 (Pub. Law 96-422) §501; or

4. **AN AMERASIAN IMMIGRANT**, admitted to the US pursuant to the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Act of 1998, as included in the FY Continuing Resolution (Pub. Law 100-202); or
5. **AN AMERASIAN IMMIGRANT OR AMERASIAN US CITIZEN**, admitted to the US pursuant to Title II, Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Acts of 1989 (Pub. Law 100-461), 1990 (Pub. Law 101-167) or 1991 (Pub. Law 101-513);

AND

6. **TIME-ELIGIBLE**, having resided in the US **under five years**, for most programs.

Note: The following categories are **INELIGIBLE** for Federally-funded refugee services:

- Public Interest Parolees (PIP), including so-called "Lautenberg" parolees;
- Humanitarian Interest Parolees (HIP);
- Applicants for political asylum, including those who have received notice of intent to grant from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Refugee Documentation

Acceptable forms of documentation showing statuses are:

- **REFUGEES**
Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record) bearing a stamp reading "Admitted as a refugee pursuant to Section 207 of the Act" (wording may vary); Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card, "Green Card") bearing the adjustment codes RE6, RE7, or RE8; CU0, CU6, CU7, CU8, CU9 for Cuban refugees; or IC6 or IC7 for those who arrived in the US prior to 1980;

Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Document, earlier version) bearing the regulatory citation 274a.12(a)(3);

Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) bearing the notation A3.

- **ASYLEES**

Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record) bearing a stamp reading "Asylum status granted pursuant to Section 208 INA" (wording may vary);

An Order of the Immigration Judge indicating Respondent's application for asylum was (x) granted;

Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card, "Green Card") bearing the adjustment codes AS6, AS7 or AS8;

Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Document, earlier version) bearing the regulatory citation 274a.12(a)(5);

Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) bearing the notation A5.

Note: Asylum applicants, while possibly eligible for employment authorization (code C8), are not asylees and are ineligible for refugee services.

- **CUBAN OR HAITIAN ENTRANTS**

- Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record) bearing a stamp reading "Cuban/Haitian Entrant";

Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card, "Green Card") bearing the adjustment code CH6;

Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Document, earlier version) bearing the regulatory citation 274a.12(c)(11);

Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) bearing the notation C11.

Note: Parolees other than Cuban/Haitian Entrants are ineligible for refugee services, even if they have employment authorization (code C11). This includes Humanitarian Interest Parolees (HIPs) and Public Interest Parolees (PIPs). So-called "Lautenberg" Parolees, issued I-551s with adjustment code LA6, are also ineligible for refugee services.

- **AMERASIAN IMMIGRANTS**

- Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure record) bearing, on reverse, admission class notations AM1, AM2 or AM3;

Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card, "Green Card") bearing the adjustment codes AM6, AM7 or AM8.

Next Steps

1. Share this Operations Memorandum with appropriate staff.
2. Review non-citizen documentation in the case record during client contacts to identify refugee cases and change the citizenship code on CAINDL, when

necessary, to reflect refugee status regardless of when the non-citizen entered the US.

3. Retain the Operations Memorandum until this information is incorporated into the Supplemental Handbook.