



VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS

In order to be eligible for the Strategic Buyout Program, the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward living in the household must prove their status as a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien. If a child/ward is used to meet this eligibility requirement, they must be under eighteen (18) at the time that the application is made. In order for a property owned by a business entity, such as an LLC, corporation, partnership, LLP, or non-profit, to be eligible for the Strategic Buyout Program, the owner or principal must prove that they are a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien.

Please note that the business entity must be based in the United States. In order to prove that the business entity is based in the United States, please provide the documentation that corresponds with the business type:

- LLCs: Certificate of Formation, Articles of Organization or similar documents, plus Operating Agreement
- Corporations: Articles/Certificate of Incorporation or similar documents, plus bylaws
- Partnerships: Partnership Agreement
- LLPs: Registration or Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership, Limited Liability Partnership Agreement or similar
- Non-profits: Articles/Certificate of Incorporation or Articles of Organization or similar (not the IRS 501(c)(3) determination), plus bylaws

This document provides examples of required supporting documentation that applicants can provide to meet the Program's citizenship status requirement.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their Case Manager or call 833-ASK-RBNC (833-275-7262) for further information.

U.S. Citizens

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a U.S. Citizen, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Birth Certificate showing birth in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Valid U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card showing U.S. Citizenship
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization

U.S. Nationals

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a U.S. National, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Birth Certificate showing birth in American Samoa or Swains Island
- Valid passport from American Samoa or Swains Island

Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR)

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Lawful Permanent Resident (also known as a Green Card Holder), please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).
- Temporary I-551 stamp on form I-94/I-94A or on a foreign passport.
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa with temporary I-551 language.
- Reentry Permit (I-327).
- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) (showing stamp for admission as LPR).
- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) in foreign passport (showing stamp for admission as LPR).
- Order issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Board of Immigration Appeals, or Immigration Judge granting registry, suspension of deportation, cancellation of removal, or adjustment of status.
- Receipt from U.S. Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) showing that Form I-90, application for LPR replacement card, has been filed.

Asylees

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is an Asylee, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) (with stamp showing grant of asylum, “Asylee” or “§208”).
- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) in foreign passport (with stamp showing grant of asylum, “Asylee” or “§208”).
- Order granting asylum by USCIS, DHS, immigration judge, Board of Immigration Appeals, or federal court.
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A5”).
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571).
- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).

Refugees

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Refugee, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (stamped “Refugee” or “§207”).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A3”).
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571).
- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).
- Application for Employment Authorization (I-765), or receipt from USCIS indicating filing of application.

Conditional entrant (CE) granted before 1980

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Conditional Entrant granted before 1980, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement. This is the immigration status used for refugees prior to the Refugee Act of 1980; most have adjusted to LPRs, though some retain CE status.

- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (indicating status as “conditional entrant,” “refugee-conditional entrant,” “Seventh Preference,” “§203(a)(7)” or “P7”).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A3”).
- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).

Individuals granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is an individual who was granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal under the immigration laws or under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Document indicating withholding of removal (e.g., an order granting withholding of deportation/removal issued by USCIS, DHS, immigration judge, Board of Immigration Appeals, or federal court).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A10”).
- Administrative order staying removal issued by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (stamped “Withholding of Deportation,” “§243(h)” or “§241(b)(3)”).
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571).
- Application for Employment Authorization (I-765), or receipt from USCIS indicating filing of application.

Individuals paroled into the U.S.

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is an individual paroled into the United States, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (with stamp indicating “parole” or “PIP” or “212(d)(5)” or other language indicating parole status).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A4” or “C11”).
- Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Card (I-512) (annotated with reason parole was granted under Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations).

Cuban or Haitian Entrants

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Cuban or Haitian Entrant, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (with stamp indicating “parole” or “PIP” or “212(d)(5)” or other language indicating parole
- Arrival/Departure Record (I-94/I-94A) (with stamp indicating “Cuban/Haitian Entrant” or any other notation indicating “parole under §212(d)(5)”, including “CU6,” “CU7,” or “CH6,” among others – rare since 1980s).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “C8,” or “C11”).
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94/I-94A).
- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).
- Receipt or notice showing filing or pending status of Application for Asylum and withholding (I-589).

Qualified Domestic Violence Survivor

A Qualified Domestic Violence Survivor is a parent and/or child of a spouse or child who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the U.S. by a spouse, parent, or relative of the same household.

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Qualified Domestic Violence Survivor, they must have been approved (or have a pending petition) under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for (1) status as a spouse or a child of a U.S. Citizen, (2) status as a spouse of a child of a U.S. Lawful Permanent Resident, (3) suspension of deportation, or (4) cancellation of removal.

Please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Application to qualify as abused spouse, child, or parent under VAWA (I-360).
- Notice of Action (I-797) (referencing a pending “I-360”).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A10,” “C14,” “C9,” “C10,” “C14” or “C31”).
- Receipt or other proof of filing I-485 “Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status.”
- Any documents indicating a pending suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal case, including a receipt from an immigration court indicating filing of Application for Suspension of Deportation (EOIR-40) or Application for Cancellation of Removal (EOIR-42).
- Receipt or other proof of filing I-130 visa petition under immediate relative (IR) or second family preference (P-2) showing status as a spouse or child.

Qualified Victim of Trafficking

A Qualified Victim of Tracking includes not only the Victim but his/her Spouse, Child, Sibling, or Parent (or individuals with a pending application for a victim of trafficking visa).

In order to prove that the Applicant, Co-Applicant, and/or their child/ward is a Qualified Victim of Trafficking, please provide the Program with one of the following documents for the person whose status is being used to meet this requirement:

- Certification from Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).
- ORR eligibility letter if under 18 years of age.
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “A16,” “C25”).
- Notice of Action (I-797) (“Approval Notice” for “CP,” “T-1” or “extension of T or U non-immigrant status”, “T-2 spouse,” “T-3 child,” “T-4 parent,” “T-5 unmarried sibling under 18.”).
- Permanent Resident Card, also referred to as a “Green Card” (I-551).
- Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Card (I-512) (authorization for parole, indicating “T-2,” “T-3,” “T-4,” “T-5,” status).
- T-Visa Application (I-914).
- Certification status verified through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Trafficking Verification Line: (866)-401-5510.