Immigrants and Foreign Nationals

Domicile Workshop 2020

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Two paths to in-state tuition

Path 1: Domicile

- Traditional route reviewing whether the individual has demonstrated domicile (not just physical presence).
- Eligible to be considered for state financial aid.
- Path 2: High School Completers exception
 - Not a domicile review.
 - Meeting the conditions results in eligibility for in-state tuition.
 - Does not provide access to state financial aid.

Students may choose to be reviewed for in-state tuition under either option.

• No need to go through domicile review first, though domicile provides greater benefits.

Domicile Review



ADMISSION -

- No federal or state law prohibiting admission for most students
- There are some restrictions for certain nonimmigrant students such as the B-1 visa.
- Each institution has its own admission's policy.

DOMICILE --- If admissible, can they legally form the "intent to remain"?



Domiciliary Intent- present lawful intent to remain indefinitely.

Eligible Alien -

- Student has an immigration status which permits the intent to remain indefinitely in Virginia.
- This <u>does not</u> mean automatically eligible for in-state tuition.
- Student is <u>eligible to be reviewed</u> for domicile.

Ineligible Alien -

• Student not in a valid immigration status, or is in a circumstance which <u>does not</u> permit intent to remain indefinitely in Virginia.



Does their legal authorization permit the intent to remain indefinitely?

"D. Any alien holding an immigration visa or classified as a political refugee may establish domicile in the same manner as any other student. However, absent congressional intent to the contrary, any individual holding a student visa or another temporary visa <u>does</u> <u>not have the capacity to intend to remain</u> in the Commonwealth indefinitely and <u>is therefore ineligible to establish domicile and receive in-state tuition charges</u>."



Domicile Review via:

- Individual
- Parent
- Spouse
- Legal guardian

Non-Citizens: Ineligible Visa Status

If holding an <u>ineligible</u> visa type, the student "...shall be <u>ineligible</u> for Virginia domicile and for in-state tuition charges."

- Aliens without either legal presence or other circumstance that permits the "intent to remain," cannot establish domicile on their own <u>or</u> through anyone else.
- Ineligible dependent aliens <u>cannot</u> "stand in the shoes" of an <u>eligible</u> parent (or legal guardian or spouse).
- No matter how long lived in Virginia, no matter if they are married to US citizen, no matter if it's a federal delay.

Exceptions:

- Provisions explicitly granting access to in-state tuition.
- Aliens legally residing under the authority of something other than a visa and such authority permits the "intent to remain" (DACA, Asylum, etc. – see Addendum A).

Categories of "Eligible Aliens"

- Permanent Residents ("green card" holders)
 - Conditional Permanent Residents
 - Adjustment of Status Applicants
- Eligible nonimmigrant categories
- Other categories
 - Temporary Protected Status ("TPS")
 - Asylee
 - Refugee
 - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA")

"Eligible" means eligible to be reviewed for domicile.

Visa	Eligibility Status	Description	Government Information	
Foreign	Foreign Government Officials			
A-1	Eligible	Ambassador, public minister, career, diplomatic or consular officer who has been accredited by a foreign government	INA Section 101(a)(15)(A)(i)	
		recognized de jure by the United States and who is accepted by the President or by the Secretary of State, and the members of the alien's immediate family.	8 CFR 214.2(a)	
A-2	•2 Eligible Other foreign government officials or employees who have been accredited by a foreign government recognized de jure by the United States, who are accepted by the Secretary of State, and members of their immediate family		INA Section 101(a)(15)(A)(ii)	
			8 CFR 214.2(a)	
A-3	Eligible	Attendants, servants, or personal employees of A-1 and A-2, and members of their immediate family.	INA Section 101(a)(15)(A)(iii)	
			8 CFR 214.2(a)	
Visitors				
B-1	Ineligible	An alien having a residence in a foreign country which he	INA Section 101(a)(15)(B)	

Visa Eligibility Status

"Eligible" means <u>eligible to be reviewed</u> for domicile.

Visa	Description	Eligibility Status
	Asylee	Eligible
	Amnesty	Eligible
	Parolees	Ineligible
	Permanent Resident	Eligible
	Temporary Protected Status	Eligible
	Undocumented	Ineligible
A-1	Foreign Government	Eligible
B-1	Visitors	Ineligible
C-1	Aliens in Transit	Ineligible
E-1	Treaty Traders	Eligible
F-1	Student	Ineligible
G-1	Government	Eligible
H-1	Workers	Eligible
H-2	Workers	Ineligible
I	Media	Eligible
J-1	Exchange Visitors	Ineligible
K-1	Fiance	Eligible

New additions

•	DACA	Deferred Action for Children	Eligible
•	U3,4,5	Victims of Crimes	Eligible
•	BBBCV	Visitor (border crossing)	Ineligible
•	H1B1	Workers from Singapore and Chili	Ineligible

Changes

- P1, 2,3,4 Athletes/Entertainers
- G2 (but only G2) Certain Foreign Gov't

now Ineligible now Ineligible

Non-Citizens: Moving from a Status

Either obtain the visa or other document confirming new status, or use the I-797 form used to respond to immigration requests:

- From "ineligible" nonimmigrant visa to an "eligible" visa:
 - "<u>Change</u> of status".... Need to have "<u>Approval Notice</u>"
- From a visa to "Permanent Resident":
 - "Adjustment of Status"... Need only "<u>Receipt Notice</u>"
- Renewing a nonimmigrant visa:
 - "Extension of Status"... Need only "Receipt Notice"

If parents are without current legal status / presence (undocumented, illegal, etc.)...

J. No student shall be deemed ineligible to establish domicile and receive in-state tuition charges solely on the basis of the immigration status of his parent.

...the student might be eligible if they have a legal status/presence that permits domiciliary intent or if they are a U.S. citizen.

 No matter what the previous legal circumstance, if student has a "Receipt Notice" for "Adjustment of Status to Permanent Resident"... they can be reviewed; however...

...one year period can begin no earlier than date on the notice.

Applicants for Permanent Residence

- Eligible. Must produce an I-797 <u>Receipt Notice showing</u> pending Permanent Resident application (usually I-485 Application to Adjust Status).
- Domicile can be established as early as the official Receipt Date listed on the alien's I-797 Receipt Notice.
- Permanent Resident is the <u>only</u> category where a <u>pending</u> application is sufficient. Others require <u>approval</u>.

Sample Documentation



Permanent Residents - approval

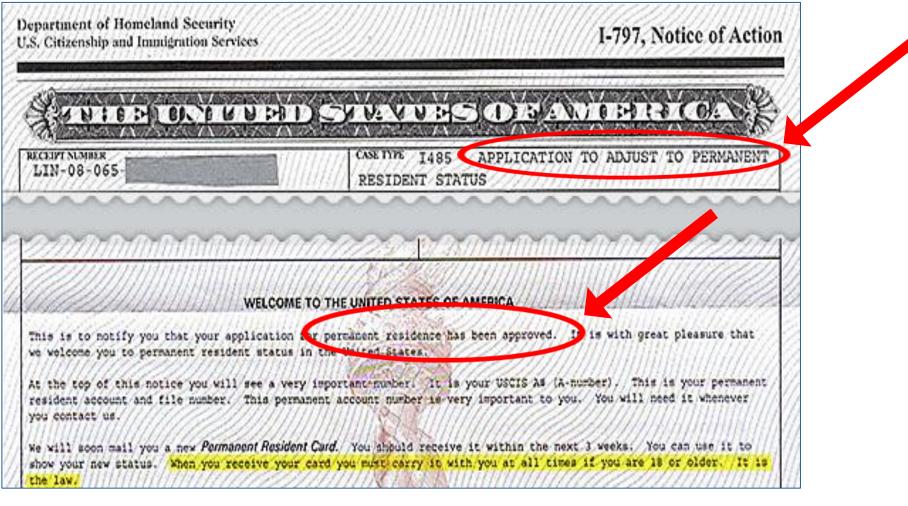
- Eligible. Student has been granted the privilege of residing permanently in the U.S. as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration laws.
- Usual evidence is I-551 Card ("green card").

Permanent Resident Card





Evidence: Permanent Resident - approval



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Evidence: Permanent Resident - receipt

U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service/

Notice of Action

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# **Evidence: Permanent Resident - receipt**

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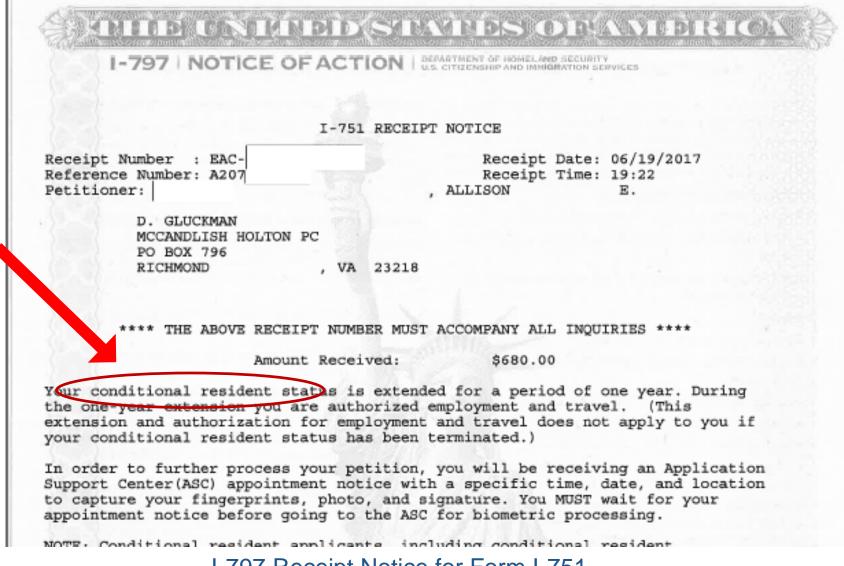
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

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NAME AND	MAILING ADDRESS		

# **Evidence: Permanent Resident - conditional**



I-797 Receipt Notice for Form I-751

# **Conditional Permanent Residents**

- Eligible. "Two-year" instead of "permanent" green card (through marriage or investment)
- Same evidence as permanent green card.
- If card has expired, need proof that individual has applied to make card permanent (either I-751 receipt for marriage cases or I-829 for investment cases).

# Immigrant <u>Petitions</u> – not same as PR

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June 15, 2005

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PETITION FOR RELATIVE.

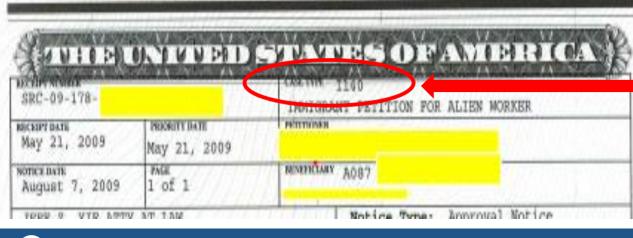
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#### **I-130 Family Petition**

These petitions are preliminary steps required prior to filing for Adjustment of Status to Permanent Resident. These <u>do not</u> confer a status eligible to establish domicile.

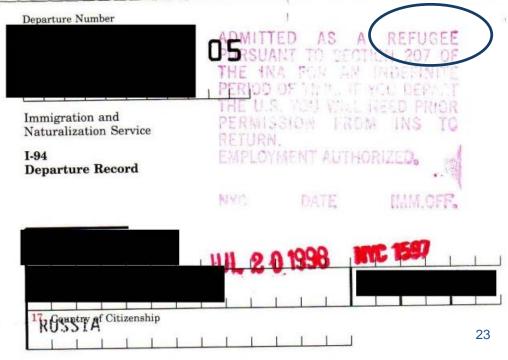
#### I-140 Employment Petition

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## Refugees

- Eligible to establish domicile. Refugees are admitted into the U.S. for an indefinite period of time.
- Proof of refugee status usually includes passport and I-94 endorsed to show refugee status or EAD with category A3 or A4.
- There is a separate provision that allows automatic in-state tuition for two years.



### Asylees

- Eligible to establish domicile. Asylees are people who have been granted asylum after arriving in the U.S. Valid indefinitely.
- Asylum is granted either by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") or by an Immigration Judge.
  - If granted by <u>USCIS</u>, proof can include EAD with category A5, asylum approval notice, or I-94 card
  - If granted by an <u>Immigration Judge</u>, proof can include EAD with category A5, court order, or I-94 card
- Must be "Approved"

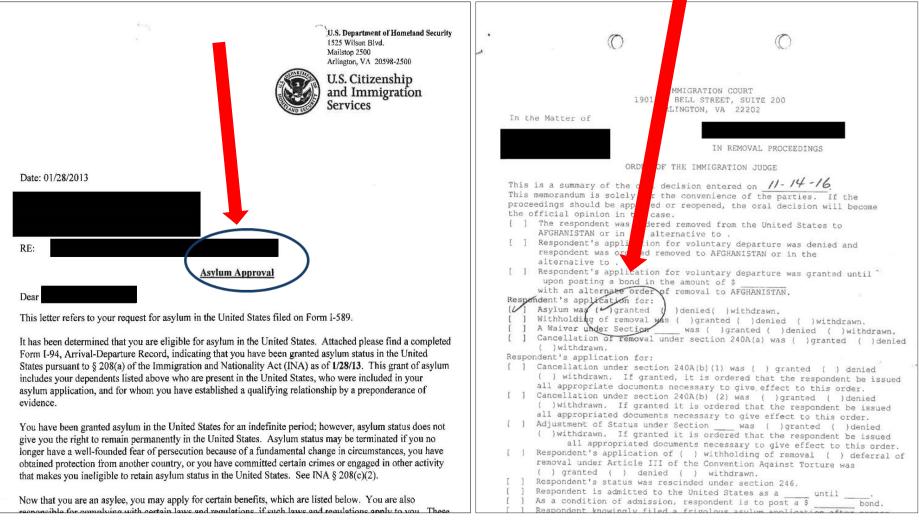
("Pending" is not sufficient)



It has been determined that you are eligible for asylum in the United States. Attached please find a completed Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, indicating that you have been granted asylum status in the United States pursuant to § 208(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as of 1/28/13. This grant of asylum

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Immigration Judge Order



#### **USCIS** Asylum Approval

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# **Temporary Protected Status**

- Eligible. Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") is a humanitarian status which protects people from certain countries.
- Usual proof is Employment Authorization Document ("EAD") with Category A12.
- https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status



# **Sample Evidentiary Documents: VISA**



#### **Employment Authorization (Card) Document - EAD**

www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/information-employersemployees/employer-information/employment-authorization



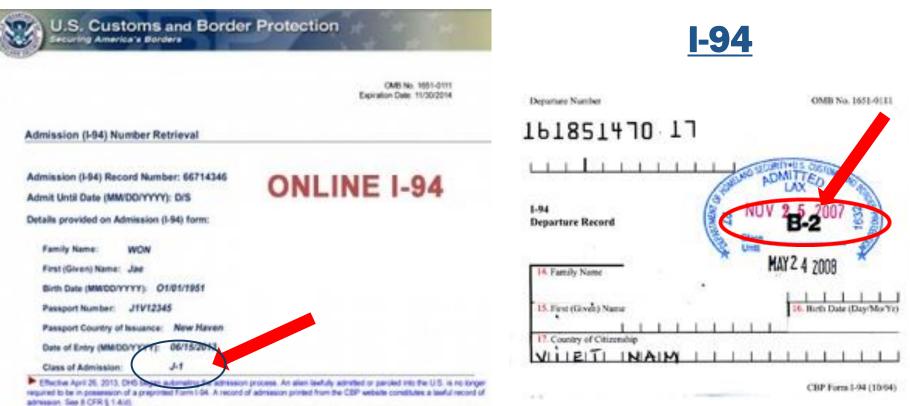
#### Useful for several classification, such as A-10 "withholding of removal" and A-12 "TPS"





### **Evidence: I-94 Card**

#### **Electronic I-94**



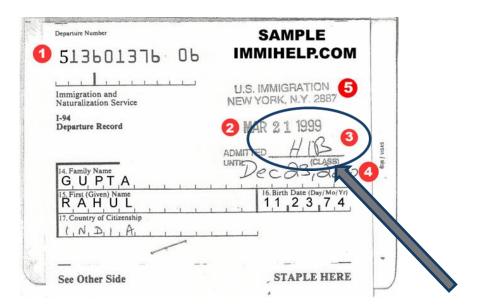
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Note: For security reasons, we recomment that you cose your browser after you have finished intrieving your 1-84 number.

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#### 94 - Official Website

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#### Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 48662 Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 July 11 Class of Admission : K2 Admit Until Date : 10/08/2017 Details provided on the I-94 Information form: Last/Surname : First (Given) Name : RUOTONG Birth Date : December Passport Number : E85 Country of Issuance : China

Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).

Get Travel History

If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.

Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

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For inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here

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# Withholding/deferral of removal

- Eligible. Ordered removed, but removal withheld for humanitarian reasons.
- Proof of withholding or deferral of removal includes
  - immigration judge's order or
  - EAD with category A10.

# **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

- Eligible. DACA is a special humanitarian category available to "DREAMers" who came to the U.S. before turning 16.
- DACA approval allows student to establish domicile. In-state tuition no earlier than a year later.
- Proof of DACA includes I-797 Approval Notice for Form I-821D or EAD with category (c)(33).



### **Evidence: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

#### I-797 DACA Notice Of Action – Approval Notice

Department of Homeland Security U-8: Citizenship and Immigration Services

I-797, Notice of Action

RECEIPT NUMBER		CASE TYPE 1821D CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS	
March 21, 2013	PRIORITY DATE	APPLICANT	
October 30, 2013	PAGE 1 of 1		
THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY 199 WATER STREET NEW YORK NY 10038		Notice Type: Approval Notice Valid from 10/30/2013 to 10/29/2015	

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RECEIPT NUMBER		CASE TYPE 1821D CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS
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		Notice Type: Approval Notice Valid from 10/02/2015 to 10/01/2017

Notice of Deferred Action:

This notice is to inform you regarding U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services's (USCIS) decision on your Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childnood Arrivals.

USCIS, in the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion, has decided to defer action in your case. Deferred action is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion by USCIS not to pursue the removal of an individual from the United States for a specific period. Deferred action does not confer or alter any immigration status.

Unless terminated, this decision to defer removal action will remain in effect for 2 years from the date of this notice.

This form does not constitute employment authorization, nor may it be used in place of an Employment Authorization Document. The 90-day period for reviewing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, filed together with Form I-821D begins as of the date of this approval notice. If Form I-765 is granted, you will receive your Employment Authorization Document separately by mail. Subsequent criminal activity after your case has been deferred is likely to result in termination of your deferred action. This notice does not provide permission to travel outside of the United States.

#### I-797 Approval Notice for Form I-821D

# **DACA: Unique Domicile Issues**

- DACA students' parents are often out of status and cannot establish domicile. It is presumed that a dependent student shares parents' domicile.
- But the presumption is <u>rebuttable</u>. DACA students came to the U.S. before 16 and have established lives here. Usually enough to rebut presumption. Parents' documents can be useful.
- If DACA expires, student can no longer be considered a Virginia domiciliary.



### **Website Resources**

• Domicile information at: "For Institutions" then "Policies and Guidelines" then "Financial Aid and Domicile Officers"

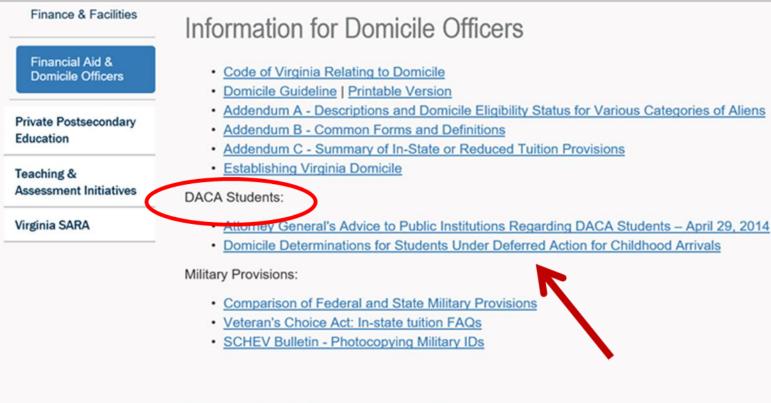
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## **Website Resources**



#### Domicile Officer's Web Resources

NOTE: SCHEV provides the following websites for your information and/or additional research.

#### Descriptions of resident eligibility and responsibility under other state offices

- · Driver's License Eligibility Requirements (Virginia Dept. of Motor Vehicles)
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#### Resources pertaining to non-immigrant students

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services (includes descriptions)
- 2017-18 Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook (contains examples of immigration documentation)
- US Code Title 8 Chapter 14 Section 1623 (undocumented aliens not eligible for educational benefits based on domicile)
- Office of the Attorney General's Immigration Law Compliance Update Memorandum 2002
- What the codes mean on an Employment Authorization Document (EAD or "work authorization card")
- · Check status of a pending case (must have a case receipt number)
- Nonimmigrant classifications
- Special instructions for B-1/B-2 visitors who want to enroll in school



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