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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding eligibility requirements, filing, and adjudication of adjustment of status applications based on the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness law.¹

Background

The Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) law allows certain Liberian nationals and their spouses, unmarried children under 21 years old, or unmarried sons and daughters 21 years or older living in the United States who meet the eligibility requirements to apply for lawful permanent residence. Aliens applying to adjust status based on LRIF must properly file an Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status ([Form I-485](#)) by December 20, 2020.

This guidance, contained in Volume 7 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance on the topic.

Policy Highlights

- Clarifies the eligibility requirements for adjustment of status based on LRIF.
- Provides guidance on the evidentiary requirements for adjustment of status based on LRIF.
- Explains that LRIF adjustment applicants may apply for employment authorization.

Citation

Volume 7: Adjustment of Status, Part P, Other Adjustment Programs, Chapter 5, Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness [[7 USCIS-PM P.5](#)].

¹ See Section 7611 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, [Pub. L. 116-92](#) (December 20, 2019).