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FILE:



Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: JUL 19 2005

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 210 of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1160

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the service center that processed your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker was denied by the Director, Western Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that he performed at least 90 man-days of qualifying agricultural employment during the eligibility period. This decision was based on adverse information acquired by the Service relating to the applicant's claim of employment for [REDACTED]

On appeal, the applicant stated that he never received the notice of intent to deny his application. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) sent the applicant a copy of the notice on August 18, 2004.

In order to be eligible for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker, an alien must have engaged in qualifying agricultural employment for at least 90 man-days during the twelve-month period ending May 1, 1986, provided he is otherwise admissible under section 210(c) of the Act and is not ineligible under 8 C.F.R. 210.3(d). An applicant has the burden of proving the above by a preponderance of the evidence. 8 C.F.R. 210.3(b).

On the I-700 application, the applicant claimed 110 man-days of qualifying agricultural employment for [REDACTED] from May 1985 to August 1985.

In support of the claim, the applicant submitted a Form I-705 affidavit and a notarized letter of employment, both purportedly signed by [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is designated as the applicant's foreman at [REDACTED]

In attempting to verify the applicant's claimed employment, the Service acquired information which directly contradicts the applicant's claim. Specifically, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] worked as a foreman a total of seven days in June 1985 and was not employed by [REDACTED] thereafter.

On May 24, 1991, the applicant was advised in writing of the adverse information obtained by the Service, and of the Service's intent to deny the application. The applicant was granted thirty days to respond. The record contains no evidence that the notice was not delivered. As previously stated, CIS sent a copy of the notice to the applicant on August 18, 2004.

The director concluded the adverse information had not been overcome, and denied the application on August 22, 1991. On appeal, the applicant has made no statements regarding his purported employment, nor has he submitted any additional evidence.

Generally, the inference to be drawn from the documentation provided shall depend on the extent of the documentation, its credibility, and amenability to verification. 8 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(1). Evidence submitted by an applicant will have its sufficiency judged according to its probative value and credibility. 8 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(2). Personal testimony by an applicant which is not corroborated, in whole or in part, by other credible evidence (including testimony by persons other than the applicant) will not serve to meet an applicant's burden of proof. 8 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(3).

There is no mandatory type of documentation required with respect to the applicant's burden of proof; however, the documentation must be credible. All documents submitted must have an appearance of reliability, i.e., if the documents appear to have been forged, or otherwise deceitfully created or obtained, the documents are not credible. *United Farm Workers (AFL-CIO) v. INS, Civil No. S-87-1064-JFM (E.D. Cal.)*.

The derogatory information acquired by the Service regarding the applicant's employment for [REDACTED] directly contradicts the applicant's claim. The applicant has not overcome such derogatory evidence.

The applicant has failed to credibly establish the performance of at least 90 man-days of qualifying agricultural employment during the twelve-month statutory period ending May 1, 1986. Consequently, the applicant is ineligible for adjustment to temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.