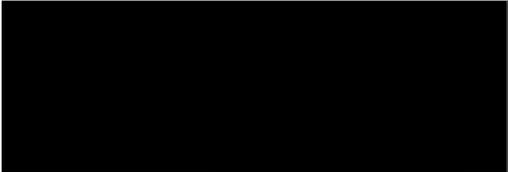


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Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date: MAR 08 2007

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Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided 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, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The termination of the applicant's temporary resident status by the Director, Texas Service Center, is before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The director terminated the applicant's temporary resident status because the applicant failed to file the application for adjustment of status from temporary to permanent residence within the 43-month application period.

On appeal, the applicant states that he failed to apply for adjustment of status from temporary to permanent residence out of ignorance.

The status of an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under section 245A(a)(1) of the Act may be terminated at any time if the alien fails to file for adjustment of status from temporary to permanent resident on Form I-698 within forty-three months of the date he/she was granted status as a temporary resident under § 245a.1 of this part. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(u)(1)(iv).

The applicant was granted temporary resident status on May 26, 1989. The 43-month eligibility period for filing for adjustment expired on December 26, 1992. The applicant's Form I-698 was not received by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, now Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), until September 20, 2000, almost eight years after the expiration of the 43-month application period. The director therefore denied the application and terminated the applicant's temporary resident status.

On appeal, the applicant states that he renewed his temporary resident card several times and waited for his permanent resident card to be issued. He explains that he believed the permanent resident card would be sent to him automatically. The applicant further states that he didn't find out that he was required a Form I-698, Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident, until 2000.

The applicant's statements on appeal have been considered. Nevertheless, there is no waiver, even for humanitarian reasons, for failure to file the Form I-698 within the 43-month application period. As the applicant has not overcome the basis for termination of status, the appeal must be dismissed.

The applicant is ineligible for temporary residence for the above stated reasons, with each considered as an independent and alternative basis for denial.

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