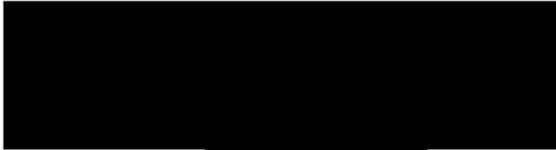




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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: NEW YORK Date: **JUL 06 2007**
MSC 03 205 60239

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the
Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat.
2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763
(2000)

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. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, New York, New York, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be remanded for further action and consideration.

The director denied the application because the applicant had failed to establish that he satisfied the “basic citizenship skills” required under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act.

On appeal, the applicant requests another chance to take the test. The applicant submitted no additional documentation on appeal.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.17(b) provides that an applicant who fails to pass the English literacy and/or the United States history and government tests at the time of the interview, shall be afforded a second opportunity after six months (or earlier at the request of the applicant) to pass the tests or submit evidence as described in paragraphs (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section.

The record reflects that on May 18, 2004, the director notified the applicant that he had failed the first test of his citizenship skills, and that he was scheduled for another test on November 26, 2004. The Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) informed the applicant that “[f]ailure to appear for your final re-examination will result in the denial of your application based solely on 8 C.F.R. 245a.17(b).”

The record further reflects that the applicant appeared for his scheduled interview on November 26, 2004; however, the district office rescheduled his interview for December 15, 2004. The applicant also appeared for that scheduled interview.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2) provides that when an adverse decision is proposed, Citizenship and Immigration Services shall notify the applicant of its intent to deny the application and the basis for the proposed denial. The applicant will be granted 30 days from the date of the notice in which to respond to the notice of intent to deny.

The record, however, does not reflect that the director issued a NOID advising the applicant of the reasons for her subsequent denial of his application prior to issuing a Notice of Decision.

Accordingly, the case is remanded for the issuance of a NOID and for the entry of a new decision in accordance with the foregoing. If the new decision is adverse, it shall be certified to this office.

Finally, if the director determines that the applicant is ineligible for benefits under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act, she should consider whether the applicant is eligible for adjustment of status to that of a temporary resident pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 245a.6, which provides, in pertinent part:

If the district director finds that an eligible alien as defined at § 245a.10 has not established eligibility under section 1104 of the LIFE Act (part 245a, Subpart B), the district director *shall* consider whether the eligible alien has established eligibility for adjustment to temporary resident status under section 245A of the Act, as in effect before enactment of section 1104 of the LIFE Act (part 245a, Subpart A).

(Emphasis added).



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ORDER: This matter is remanded for further action and consideration pursuant to the above.