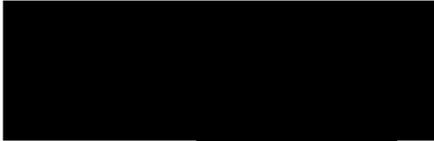


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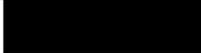
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Applicant:



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:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has 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 application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Houston, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district 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.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1). An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

The district director issued the notice of denial on December 8, 2004, and mailed it to applicant's prior counsel and to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was initially received on January 6, 2005, but was rejected and returned to the applicant on January 12, 2005, because the filing fee of \$110 was not enclosed with the appeal package. The appeal was not received with the full and correct fee until January 24, 2005, 47 days after the issuance of the denial decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.