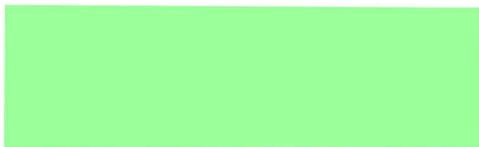




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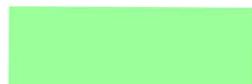
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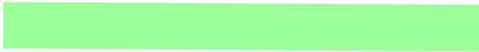
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Applicant:



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.

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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

The record reveals that the applicant was granted temporary resident status on April 13, 2006 pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004 (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements).

The applicant was required to file an application to adjust status from temporary to permanent resident within forty-three (43) months of receiving his temporary resident status, which would have been November 12, 2009. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.3(b)(1). Pursuant to section 245A(b)(2)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(b)(2)(C), a failure to file an application for adjustment to permanent residence within this statutory filing period will result in the termination of the applicant's temporary residence. The applicant has never filed an application to adjust from temporary to permanent resident status.

On appeal, the applicant indicates that he consulted a representative at the [REDACTED] for legal advice and that the representative failed to advise him of the requirement to timely file a Form I-698 application to adjust from temporary to permanent resident status. There is no remedy available for a petitioner who assumes the risk of authorizing an unlicensed attorney or unaccredited representative to undertake representations on its behalf. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 292.1; *see also Hernandez v. Mukasey*, 524 F.3d 1014 (9th Cir. 2008) ("non-attorney immigration consultants simply lack the expertise and legal and professional duties to their clients that are the necessary preconditions for ineffective assistance of counsel claims"). The AAO only considers complaints based upon ineffective assistance against accredited representatives. *Cf. Matter of Lozada*, 19 I&N Dec. 637 (BIA 1988), *aff'd*, 857 F.2d 10 (1st Cir. 1988) (requiring an appellant to meet certain criteria when filing an appeal based on ineffective assistance of counsel).

As stated in 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(iv), any appeal which is filed solely on the basis of a denial for failure to file the application for adjustment of status under section 210 or 245A in a timely manner, will be summarily dismissed.

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