

THE WRONG HELP CAN HURT

BEWARE OF IMMIGRATION SCAMS



How to Find Help When Applying for an Immigration Benefit...

I'm applying for an immigration benefit, where can I find help?

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services provides free resources to help guide you through the application process. You can visit www.uscis.gov to download free forms, read instructions, get case status updates, or schedule in-person InfoPass appointments to have your questions answered.

Who can assist me with the application process?

Only an authorized immigration service provider is qualified to help you beyond basic preparation or translation. These individuals or groups are:

- A representative accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals working for a recognized organization, and
- An attorney who is in good standing.

How do I find authorized immigration service providers online?

- Visit the Department of Justice Board of Immigration Appeals website at <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/biainfo.htm> to search for a:
 - List of accredited representatives and recognized organizations.
 - List of attorneys by state who provide immigration services either for free or for little cost.
- Visit the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) at <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/discipline.htm> for a list of individuals who have been expelled or suspended from practicing law before USCIS.

Immigration scams and consumer fraud are illegal. In some states, there are fines and other penalties for anyone not authorized to provide immigration assistance, even with good intentions.

For more information on how to avoid and report immigration scams, please go to our website at www.uscis.gov/avoidscams.



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