



Cancellation of Removal

Non-Legal Permanent Residents

If you meet certain requirements, an immigration judge can "cancel your removal" and allow you to stay in the United States.

How do I apply for cancellation of removal?

You apply for cancellation of removal by filing an application in immigration court.

You may qualify if:

- Your U.S. citizen or lawful permanent spouse, parent, or child would suffer exceptional and extremely unusual hardship if you were ordered to leave the United States.
- You follow the U.S. laws and have not been convicted of any serious crimes that automatically disqualify you.
- You are a person of "good moral character."
- You have been in the U.S. for at least the last ten years.

4,000 people are granted cancellation of removal per year. You will have to wait your turn before an immigration judge can approve your application. This may take years.

If the immigration judge approves cancellation of removal, you will be able to obtain a green card, also known as **lawful permanent residence**.

Once you reach the front of the line, you get a physical green card. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the agency that produces the card when the time is right. For more information, please contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at <https://www.uscis.gov>.

IMPORTANT

You must keep your contact information updated with the immigration court. You can do so by mailing a Form EOIR-33 or by completing the form in Respondent Access. It is important to remember that USCIS is a separate office and has different steps to update contact information.

Use your smartphone's camera to scan the codes below to:

Update your contact information



Access information on your immigration court case



Information from USCIS

