

Do You Have a  
Form Called an  
“NTA”?

Are You Confused  
About  
What it Means?

In removal proceedings under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act

File No: \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of:

Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ currently residing at: \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, street, city, state and ZIP code)

(Area code and phone number)

- 1. You are an arriving alien.
- 2. You are an alien present in the United States who has not been admitted or paroled.
- 3. You have been admitted to the United States, but are deportable for the reasons stated below:

The Department of Homeland Security alleges that you:

On the basis of the foregoing, it is charged that you are subject to removal from the United States pursuant to the following provision(s) of law:

- This notice is being issued after an asylum officer has found that the respondent has demonstrated a credible fear of persecution.
- Section 235(b)(1) order was vacated pursuant to :  8 CFR208.30(f)(2)       8CFR235.3(b)(5)(iv)

YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice at: \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete Address of Immigration Court, Including Room Number, if any)

on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to show why you should not be removed from the United States based on the charge(s) set forth above.

(Date)

(Time)

(Signature and Title of Issuing Officer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(City and State)

See reverse for important information

## **Do you have a form that looks like this?** **Are you confused about what it says?**

This form is called an “NTA,” or “Notice to Appear.” The government uses an NTA to explain why it wants to deport you.

The NTA here is blank. The one that you have has information about you. If you have an NTA, there will be a list of facts called “allegations.” Each fact has a number. The facts usually say which country you are from, when you came to the U.S., and how you came here. If you had permission to come to the U.S., the facts also say how long you were allowed to stay. If you committed any crimes, those crimes might be listed here too.

Your NTA will also tell you why the Department of Homeland Security believes you are subject to removal and the section of immigration law it is charging you with. Some “charges” might be that you came to the U.S. without permission, that you stayed here longer than you were allowed to stay, or that you committed certain crimes.

At your first hearing, the Judge will probably ask you or your lawyer whether the “allegations” are true and whether you agree with the “charge.” Then you will have a chance to say whether something on the NTA is wrong.

**IMPORTANT:** Look at the date at the bottom of your form. Where it says “YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice at: on (date) at (time),” that is your hearing day and you must come to court at the address indicated on the NTA on the date and time it states.

This information is not intended, nor should it be construed in any way, as legal advice. The information does not extend or limit the jurisdiction of the Immigration Courts as established by law and regulation. Nothing in this packet shall limit the discretion of Immigration Judges to act in accordance with law and regulation.