# Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness

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Liberians in the US Did you know that Liberian nationals who have been living in the US since November 20, 2014 can adjust your status to become Lawful Permanent Residents to receive a green card!

But you must act fast to submit your application by December 20, 2021! More info & resources here: bit.ly/LRIFinfo



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### WHAT IS LIBERIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FAIRNESS (LRIF)?

On December 20, 2019, the President signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). It included Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF), a provision that allows Liberian nationals who have been living in the United States since November 20, 2014, to adjust their status to become Lawful Permanent Residents (which means they receive Green Cards).

All LRIF applications must be filed with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) by December 20, 2021. This means that for mailed applications, they must be postmarked December 20, 2021. Applications submitted later than this date will not be accepted.

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LRIF was put into law in 2019 and allows Liberian nationals in the U.S. since Nov 20 2014, to adjust your immigration status and become a Legal Permanent Resident, which provides a green card.

Deadline to apply is Dec 20, 2021, so don't delay in applying! More info and resources here: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/LRIFinfo">bit.ly/LRIFinfo</a>

#### LRIF ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible, you must be:

- A Liberian national; and
- Continuously present in the United States since November 20, 2014.

If you are eligible, you must file a Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, by **DECEMBER 20, 2021.** 

If you miss the deadline, you will not qualify to adjust your status under LRIF.

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Who qualifies for Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness?

LRIF is for Liberian nationals who have been present in the U.S. since Nov 2014, but you must apply by Dec 20, 2021 to qualify to adjust your status to become a legal permanent resident.

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#### **HOW DO I PROVE I AM ELIGIBLE FOR LRIF?**

- You must demonstrate that you are both a Liberian national and have been continuously present in the United States since NOVFMBER 20, 2014.
- To prove you are a Liberian national, you can present USCIS with an unexpired Liberian passport or Liberian certificate of naturalization.
   You may also gather and present other kinds of documents that prove you are a Liberian national.
- To prove you have been continuously present in the United States, you can present documents like tax records, copies of passport pages, a Form I-94, utility bills, mortgage deeds or leases, insurance records, birth, death, and
- marriage certificates, medical records, bank records, school records, employment records, military records, and more.
- We strongly encourage you to carefully read the USCIS Policy Manual about LRIF applications. The Policy Manual describes, in detail, what you will need to apply.







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How do I prove I am eligible for Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness to become a legal permanent resident?

- Prove your Liberian nationality
- Prove your presence in the U.S since since Nov 20, 2014

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### DO I NEED AN UNEXPIRED LIBERIAN PASSPORT TO APPLY?

No, but USCIS would prefer the following two forms of evidence of Liberian nationality to prove eligibility:

- An unexpired Liberian passport; or
- A Liberian certificate of naturalization.

These two forms of evidence are called primary sources. USCIS noted in a February 25, 2021, webinar on LRIF that it would accept secondary sources of proof of Liberian nationality, if you do not have an unexpired passport or certificate of naturalization. Consult with a lawyer about what other evidence you may have of your Liberian nationality.

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Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness is for all Liberians, not just for DED holders or TPS holders whose status expired in 2017.

All Liberian nationals in the U.S. by Nov 20, 2014 qualify to adjust their immigration status and become Legal Permanent Residents.

But the deadline to apply is Dec 20, 2021, so don't delay in applying! More info and resources here: bit.lv/LRIFinfo





#### IS LRIF ONLY FOR DED HOLDERS?

No. Any Liberian national who has been living in the United States since November 20, 2014, can apply as long as they are eligible. This includes former Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders who lost status in 2017 and other Liberian nationals without any kind of legal status.



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Liberian national families may qualify to adjust your immigration status and become a Legal Permanent Resident if you have been in the U.S. since Nov 20, 2014!

Please review the requirements and make sure to apply by Dec 20, 2021!

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### CAN A FAMILY MEMBER OF A LRIF-ELIGIBLE LIBERIAN NATIONAL APPLY?

Yes. You must currently be the spouse, unmarried child under 21, or unmarried son or daughter 21 years old or older of a Liberian national who meets the requirements of LRIF. Family member applicants have different requirements than principal applicants to prove their eligibility.

#### WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LRIF?

- Anyone who arrived AFTER November 20, 2014, is NOT eligible
   Anyone who has been convicted of any (1) aggravated felony.
- Anyone who has been convicted of two or more crimes involving moral turpitude (other than a purely political offense).
- Anyone who has ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecutio
  of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a
  particular social group, or political opinion.

These are general guidelines. If you have had any interaction with the U.S. criminal justice system, we strongly recommend consulting with a lawyer about whether you may have your convictions or other grounds of inadmissibility waived in order to become eligible for LRIF.

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