

2024 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND SHIFTING IMMIGRATION POLICY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A GREEN CARD OR US CITIZENSHIP

The IRC has created resources for individuals in immigration proceedings in the US. We hope this helps people better understand the immigration process and their rights. However, this information is not a substitute for legal advice from a qualified attorney or accredited representative.

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★ The 2024 Presidential Election has focused on immigration policy in the US. Former President Donald Trump, who has been declared the winner of the 2024 US Presidential Election, has called for stricter immigration policies and increasing deportation.

★ Every person's immigration case is unique. Please speak to an immigration lawyer or Department of Justice-accredited legal representative about your options.

Are you unsure about how your immigration status could be affected by a new US President? Here are some answers and suggestions:

NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE

A new president **cannot make any changes to immigration policy until after inauguration day, January 20, 2025** when the new president will take an oath of office.



CERTAIN IMMIGRATION STATUSES ARE TEMPORARY

These include:

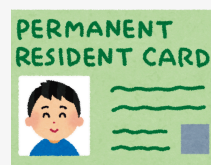


- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Parole (sometimes called Humanitarian Parole or Immigration Parole)

A new **US President has the power to end these temporary forms of status**. In some cases, this may take a few months or longer. In other cases, the US President may make changes that affect people immediately. **It is impossible to predict exactly when or how immigration policies will change.**

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN CARD/US CITIZENSHIP?

If not, **speak to an immigration lawyer** or Department of Justice-accredited representative about your options to obtain a permanent immigration status. An immigration lawyer or accredited representative will assess whether you are eligible for a permanent status. **If you are eligible for a permanent form of immigration status, it is always recommended to pursue it**, regardless of who is President of the US.



AVOID IMMIGRATION SCAMS!

Remember that only immigration lawyers and accredited representatives can provide you with legal advice. **Beware of notarios or public notaries who are not authorized or qualified to provide immigration advice.** They will waste your time and money and can put you and your case at **great risk**.



Before you hire someone to help you with your case, ask the professional for their qualifications. Is the person an attorney or accredited representative? How much experience does the person have in immigration law? Click this link for more information on **Immigration Scams**. Also refer to **this directory** to find an authorized legal service provider that may be able to assist for low or no cost.

YOU HAVE RIGHTS

All people living in the US have certain basic rights under the US Constitution. **People with temporary immigration status have these rights, too.** Know your rights and do not be afraid to exercise them when interacting with the police or with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

If you are stopped or questioned by the police or by an immigration officer, remember that you have the following rights:

- If you are not a US citizen and an immigration officer requests your papers, you must show them if you have them with you. If you are over 18, carry your immigration documents with you at all times. If you do not have immigration papers, say you want to remain silent.
- You may refuse to speak with them. You do not have to state where you were born or how you entered the US.
- You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- Before you sign anything, talk to a lawyer.
- Carry a **Know Your Rights card** and show it if an immigration officer stops you.



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For youth who
entered the US
without a parent
or legal guardian:



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