

PUBLIC CHARGE

DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?



DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ALREADY HAVE GREEN CARDS?

Public charge and any changes under this rule WILL NOT impact you. However, if you plan to leave the country for more than 6 months, it is a good idea to talk with an immigration attorney.



Are you applying for or have one of the following statuses?

U.S. Citizenship, Green card renewal, TPS, U or T Visa, Asylum or Refugee status, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

The public charge test does NOT apply to some immigrants, including the categories listed here. If you already have or are in the process of applying for one of these immigration statuses, you can continue to use any government programs that you qualify for. Benefits received while you are in this status will not be counted against you in the future, even if you apply for a green card on another basis.



Does your family plan to apply for a green card or visa from inside the United States?

If you aren't sure whether or not this policy applies to you, we recommend that you seek advice from an attorney who understands the new changes. If you are not subject to the public charge inadmissibility test, we recommend that you continue to get the assistance that you and your family need.



Does your family plan to apply for a green card or visa from outside the United States?

U.S. consular offices abroad use different rules in making this decision. You should talk with an expert for advice on your case before making any decisions.

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