



On June 18, 2024, the Biden Administration announced a new immigration program that will potentially offer lawful permanent resident status (green cards) to undocumented immigrants who are married to U.S. Citizens and have lived in the United States for at least ten years.

The Department of Homeland Security will establish a new process to consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests for parole-in-place (PIP). If granted PIP, noncitizens will be able to apply for their green cards without having to leave the United States.

Here are the expected requirements:

- Be present in the United States without admission or parole. This program is not available to people who lawfully entered the U.S. with a visa (such as a B-2 tourist visa) and simply overstayed their allowable time in the U.S.
- Have been continuously present in the United States for at least 10 years as of June 17, 2024.
- Have a legally valid marriage to a U.S. citizen as of June 17, 2024.
- Do not pose a threat to public safety or national security and have not committed any crimes that would disqualify them.
- Are otherwise eligible to apply for adjustment of status.
- Merit a favorable exercise of discretion.

Noncitizen children of potential requestors may also be eligible for their green cards under this process if they are physically present in the United States without admission or parole and have a qualifying stepchild relationship to a U.S. citizen as of June 17, 2024.

In order to be considered for parole, an individual will need to file a form with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services along with supporting documentation to show they meet the requirements and pay a fee. USCIS will reject any filings or individual requests received before the date when the application period begins later this summer. Further information regarding eligibility and the application process is expected to be available soon.