

# Registration & Carry Requirement

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS INSTITUTED A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS). THE REGISTRATION & CARRY REQUIREMENT WENT INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 11, 2025. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:



## HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

- The Trump Administration wants individuals who entered the United States without inspection to register with the Department of Homeland Security.
- **THERE ARE NO IMMIGRATION BENEFITS FOR REGISTERING!**
  - If you do not currently have lawful immigration status, registering will not give you lawful status. The Trump Administration has stated that the information provided in the registration form may be used to carry out deportation efforts against you.
- To register, an individual must make an account on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website.
- Through the website, the individual would fill out Form G-325R. The Form is submitted electronically and there is no filing fee.
- Form G-325R asks for personal identifying information such as full name, address, employment history, immigration history, criminal history, contact information, and more.
- After USCIS receives the Form G-325R, the agency will schedule an appointment for the individual to appear at an immigration office for fingerprinting.
- Upon successful registration, individuals will be able to print out a registration card through their USCIS account. That registrant is required to keep that card on their person.

## WHO HAS TO REGISTER?

- The registration requirement only applies to individuals who entered the United States without inspection or without applying for permission to enter ahead of time. It does not apply to people under the age of 14 (although upon turning 14, they have 30 days to register).
- **MANY IMMIGRANTS ARE ALREADY CONSIDERED "REGISTERED."**
- If you have one of the following documents—even if it is expired—you are already considered "registered":
  - Employment Authorization Document (work permit)
  - Lawful Permanent Resident card (green card)
  - Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record (for people who ever entered on parole or with a visa)
  - Notice to Appear (immigration court summons)
- Individuals who are already considered registered do not have to file Form G-325R for a registration card, but they **DO** have to carry proof of registration in the form of the documents listed above.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T REGISTER?

- Willfully failing to register or failing to carry proof of registration is a misdemeanor. Many immigration applications have a "discretionary" analysis. It is possible that failure to register may be considered as a negative factor during that analysis in future applications.
- There are many groups of people who do not have to register and we recommend consulting with a **LICENSED** immigration professional before making the decision to register or not.