

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

After refugee admission: adjustment and the original admission record

How does a refugee's later residence process differ from the original admission?

USCIS provides a separate refugee green-card and adjustment process linked to I-485 instructions. The refugee admission, later application and final residence decision are different events. Keep the admission record because later cards may not describe how the protection journey began.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Keep the actual entry-related documents.
- ☐ Identify each person's separate documentation.
- ☐ Preserve subsequent travel and agency correspondence.
- ☐ Identify the benefit and official instructions currently being researched.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: Permanent residence after refugee admission: context-specific process

<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility/green-card-for-refugees>

USCIS: Form I-485 and official instructions

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-485>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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