

## Immigration Updates from April 2025

Workshops - 0	Applications - 9	Consultations - 12	Trainings - 1
Completed: 04/08: L1846- Virtual UCAN Workshop 04/22: International Training; St. Louis, MO Upcoming: 05/03: L324- UCAN Workshop; Buena Park, CA 06/07: L540- UCAN Workshop; Waco, TX			

### IMMIGRATION CHANGES & UPDATES FROM MARCH

President Trump has now completed his first 100 days in office for his second term. During that time, immigration has consistently been his top domestic priority, with enforcement actions happening across the country and program changes occurring across multiple fronts. Here is a brief rundown of the biggest changes that happened in April 2025 and what it means for you and your members:

- District Court Action on CHNV Parole (An Evolving Situation)**
  - Context: The humanitarian parole programs for foreign nationals and their immediate family members from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela (CHNV) was set to end on April 24, 2025 based on notice from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published on March 25 in the *Federal Register*. That end date was halted by a District Court in San Francisco.
  - Impact: The order from the District Court judge has two primary impacts: (1) people who had CHNV parole still have that parole until the court case remains active, and (2) people who were working with their (C)(11) work permits from that parole are still work eligible on that same work permit.
- District Judge (Temporarily) Stops Trump Administration from Ending Venezuela's 2023 TPS Designation**
  - Days after taking office, Secretary of DHS Kristi Noem ended the 2023 TPS designation for Venezuela – a program which protected some 350,000 people. Under that order, TPS for Venezuelans under the 2023 designation was set to end on April 7, 2025. On [March 31, 2025](#), however, a District Court judge [temporarily halted](#) the government from stopping that program, saying that the government's attempt to end the program did not follow proper procedure and was based on racism.
  - This means that Venezuelans who had TPS through the 2023 designation still have TPS for now and their work permits [categories (A)(12) or (C)(19)] are still valid for renewal and extensions.
- USCIS Pauses Review of Certain Adjustment of Status Cases for Refugees / Asylees**
  - According to various [news reports](#), the Trump Administration has slowed, or halted, the processing of Applications for Adjustment of Status for applicants who previously held refugee status or asylee status. Under immigration laws, (INA 209), people who had refugee status or asylee status are eligible to adjust their status into permanent residency after being physically present in the United States for one year

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after winning refugee status or asylee status. This step is important for so many because it then allows them the privilege of petitioning for some relatives of their own. With this process halted, it is unclear what options will arise for these people to adjust their status during the Trump Administration.

- **Courts Clarify the Meaning of Certain Deadlines**
  - In *Monsalvo Velázquez v. Bondi*, the U.S. Supreme Court clarified that the 60-day voluntary departure deadline in immigration proceedings does not include weekends or holidays. This means, practically, that if someone has accepted voluntary departure and the deadline to depart the United States ends on a weekend or holiday, the real departure date is the following business day.
  - The Board of Immigration Appeals released a decision saying that the 30-day deadline to file an appeal is calculated thirty days from the date of the immigration judge's oral decision. *Matter of Iskandarani*, 29 I&N Dec. 26 (BIA 2025).
- **New Immigration Court Memo Says Change of Venue Does Not Mean Change of Law**
  - On April 25, 2025, the Acting Director of the Immigration Courts issued Policy Memorandum 25-30 which states, among other things, that while changes of venue may still be granted by immigration courts for respondents who have moved, the new court that takes on the immigration case must apply the law of the courts where the case originated. This move is being taken to disincentivize “judge shopping.”
- **USCIS Now Reviewing Social Media Posts of Applicants for Permanent Residency Looking for Evidence of Antisemitism**
  - Effective as of April 9, 2025, USCIS has begun considering noncitizens' antisemitic activity on social media and the physical harassment of Jewish individuals as grounds for denying immigration benefit requests. Under this guidance, USCIS will consider social media content that indicates a noncitizen endorsing, espousing, promoting, or supporting antisemitic terrorism, antisemitic terrorist organizations, or other antisemitic activity as a negative factor in any USCIS discretionary analysis when adjudicating immigration benefit requests.
- **The Police Enforcement Component of USPS Has Begun Cooperating with Immigration Enforcement Efforts**
  - According to an article from the Washington Post, the USPS “Postal Inspection Service,” a collection of about 1,700 police officers who work for the postal service, have joined a DHS task force on immigration enforcement, pledging to help share data from mail packages to track undocumented people.
- **President Trump Issues New Executive Order Targeting Sanctuary Cities**
  - On 4/28/25, President Trump signed an Executive Order (EO) that directs the Attorney General (AG) and the DHS Secretary to publish a list of jurisdictions that “obstruct the enforcement of Federal immigration laws,” and to pursue all necessary legal remedies and enforcement measures to bring non-compliant jurisdictions into compliance. Further, the order instructs the AG and DHS Secretary to develop mechanisms for eligibility verification in sanctuary jurisdictions to prevent undocumented immigrants from receiving federal public benefits.

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### Helpful Resources and Links You Should Know About:

Resource Name	Description	Link
EOIR Automated Case Portal	If you have an A-Number (a unique number given to non-citizens during encounters with immigration officials), you can use that number to check on the status of your immigration court case on this website and see your upcoming court dates.	English <a href="https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/">https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/</a>  Spanish <a href="https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/es/">https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/es/</a>
ICE Detainee Locator	If someone you know has been detained by ICE for at least 48 hours, you will be able to find out where they are detained using this link.	<a href="https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search">https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search</a>
USCIS Case Status Online	If you have a receipt number from USCIS, use this link to see what the latest status of that receipted item is with the agency.	<a href="https://egov.uscis.gov/">https://egov.uscis.gov/</a>
USCIS Case Inquiry	If you are missing a receipt, if your case is outside of normal processing times, if your document has errors on it due to government mistakes, or if you need to request accommodations for an upcoming appointment, use this link.	<a href="https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do">https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do</a>
Check Case Processing Times	If you have submitted a case with USCIS, you can see the expected processing times by case type using this website.	<a href="https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/">https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/</a>
Automatic Employment Authorization Document Extension	If you have a work permit (EAD) that is expiring soon, it is possible that it has been automatically extended. Only some types of work permits are extended automatically. Use this website to see if yours has been.	<a href="https://www.uscis.gov/eadautoextend">https://www.uscis.gov/eadautoextend</a>
Special Immigrant Juveniles	If you (or one of your members) are under the age of 21 and unmarried, please check your eligibility for Special Immigrant Juvenile status using the criteria listed on this website.	<a href="https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-US/eb4/SIJ">https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-US/eb4/SIJ</a>