

## Immigration Updates: March 2025

Workshops - 1	Applications - 17	Consultations - 9	Trainings - 0
Completed: 3/11-12: L1846; Virtual UCAN Workshop Upcoming: 4/8: L1846; Virtual UCAN Workshop 4/22-23: UFCW Conference, St. Louis, MO			

### **IMMIGRATION CHANGES & UPDATES FROM MARCH**

Since taking office, President Trump has made immigration enforcement his top priority and has issued executive actions to that effect. The executive agencies his Administration manages have prioritized immigration enforcement, too. Here is some of what has happened in March:

- **Termination of CHNV Parole Program**
  - On March 25, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security [published a Notice in the Federal Register](#) saying that the Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan Parole Program (“CHNV Parole”) is ending on April 24, 2025. The notice states, “Parolees without a lawful basis to remain in the United States following this termination of the CHNV parole programs must depart the United States before their parole termination date.” In effect, this means that someone who entered the United States under the CHNV Parole program must apply for another form of relief that they are eligible for as soon as possible or else risk detention and deportation by ICE.
  - If you are in the United States now because of CHNV parole and you do not know if you are eligible for another type of immigration relief, talk to an immigration attorney immediately.
  - CHNV is NOT the same as TPS, even if some of the countries mentioned are the same. The loss of CHNV parole only impacts those who used the CHNV parole program specifically for their entry into the United States under the Biden Administration.
- **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.
  - The judge will not allow the program to be ended until the case is fully decided, and [he indicated to the parties that he may take similar action for the Secretary’s decision to prematurely end TPS for Haiti](#).
- **Congressional Oversight Offices Closed**

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- On March 21, 2025, the Trump Administration [closed the congressional oversight offices](#) for USCIS, ICE, and for the Department of Homeland Security. These offices were known as the USCIS Office of the Ombudsman, the Immigration Detention Ombudsman, and the DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties office, respectively. As of right now, any case pending before these oversight offices is closed. It is unclear under what legal authority the executive branch can close these offices.
- **Updates on the “Registration Requirement”**
  - Upon being inaugurated, President Trump declared that undocumented people in the United States will have to register with the government. USCIS has recently [provided additional guidance](#) about what that means. Please use the table below to see if you are already registered:

You Are Already Registered If:	You Are Not Registered Already If:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawful permanent residents;</li> <li>• Noncitizens paroled into the United States under INA 212(d)(5), even if the period of parole has expired;</li> <li>• Noncitizens admitted to the United States as nonimmigrants who were issued Form I-94 or I-94W (paper or electronic), even if the period of admission has expired;</li> <li>• All Noncitizens present in the United States who were issued immigrant or nonimmigrant visas before their last date of arrival;</li> <li>• Noncitizens whom DHS has placed into removal proceedings;</li> <li>• Noncitizens issued an employment authorization document;</li> <li>• Noncitizens who have applied for lawful permanent residence using Forms I-485, I-687, I-691, I-698, I-700, and provided fingerprints (unless waived), even if the applications were denied; and</li> <li>• Noncitizens issued Border Crossing Cards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noncitizens present in the United States without inspection and admission or inspection and parole who have not otherwise registered (that is, aliens who crossed the border illegally);</li> <li>• Canadian visitors who entered the United States at land ports of entry and were not issued evidence of registration; and</li> <li>• Noncitizens who submitted one or more benefit requests to USCIS not listed in 8 CFR 264.1(a), including applications for deferred action or Temporary Protected Status who were not issued evidence of registration listed in 8 CFR 264.1(b).</li> </ul>

- **New Guidance from BIA about What Constitutes a Completed Asylum Application**
  - The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) issued a new case ruling on March 17, 2025 that more clearly defines what counts as a “completed” asylum filing for immigration purposes. The case, [Matter of C-A-R-R-](#), says that an immigration judge is not required to fully review the asylum case if Form I-589 is not “complete” and “complete” means that every box that applies in the case has a specific, responsive answer. A declaration is not required for your application to be complete,

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but each box that you say “Yes” to must have a detailed answer and not simply filler words like “I will provide more information at a later date.”

- **USCIS Updates Certain Form Editions**

- USCIS has updated the following forms listed below. You **MUST** use the 01/20/2025 edition of these forms. Check the individual form page to see if an older edition will be accepted or not.

### Updated Forms

- G-325A, Biographic Information (for Deferred Action)
- I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiance(e)
- I-131, Application for Travel Documents, Parole Documents, Arrival/Departure Records
- I-134, Declaration of Financial Support
- I-212, Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission to the United States
- I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status
  - Supplement A to Form I-485 for 245(i) applicants
- I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as Immediate Relative
- I-602, Application for Refugee or Waiver of Inadmissibility Grounds
- I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition
- I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status
- I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant
- I-356, Request for Cancellation of Public Charge Bond
- I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status
- I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant
- I-941, Application for Entrepreneur Role
- N-400, Application for Naturalization

\*\*\* and more than what are listed above\*\*\*

- **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 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.

- **ICE Detention Numbers Rise Under Trump Administration**

- According to recent date, ICE had 47,892 people actively detained as of March 23, 2025. This number is roughly 10,000 higher than at the end of the Biden Administration.

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## Practical Guidance

- **How to find out your next court date**

- If you or someone you know is in the immigration court system you can always check to see when their next hearing is by using the EOIR Automated Case Portal. Type their A number into the search bar to see their most up-to-date court information. Their A number can be found on their “Notice to Appear,” on their work permit (called their USCIS number), or on other official documents about immigration from the government. That link is here: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-485>

- **How to find a detainee in ICE Custody**

- If someone you know is arrested by ICE and is 18 years of age or older (including unaccompanied young adults over 18), you should first try to confirm where they are detained via the [ICE Online Detainee Locator System](#) (ODLS). As of [June 2024](#), you can also use ODLS to search for someone in Border Patrol Custody. Please note that someone detained for three days or less may not show up in the system just yet.
- If finding them in the ODLS is not working, you can try contacting the ICE Field Office with jurisdiction over the area where they were arrested. This website can show you which ICE office has jurisdiction over which areas: <http://www.ice.gov/contact/field-offices>
- If that is still not working, consider looking for the person within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) system using this link: <https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/>
- As a final resort, you can try VINE. VINE is a victim-notification network that allows members of the public to be alerted if there is a custody change or transfer of a criminal detainee. If your client was taken into custody by criminal authorities and you believe ICE will place a detainer on them, this site may help you keep track of your client pending transfer: <https://www.vinelink.com/#state-selection>.
- For a full explainer on all of these resources, see here: <https://www.aila.org/library/practice-pointer-how-to-locate-clients-apprehended-by-ice>

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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>