



Eligibility Information for Citizenship

Did You Know?

Lawful permanent resident (LPR) may be eligible after the first five years of residence in the U.S. if they have worked 40 quarters.

Most LPRs and conditional entrants who entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996 are eligible.

Veterans or Active Military (including spouses/dependent children); certain American Indians may be eligible regardless of when they entered the U.S.

The immigrants listed below are usually eligible (only for 1st 7 years) regardless of how long they have lived in the U.S.:

- Aliens admitted as refugees or as Cuban or Haitian entrants
- Aliens granted asylum
- Aliens whose deportation has been withheld
- Victims of a severe form of trafficking

Call your local Department of Social Services for more information or visit www.dss.virginia.gov.

For more information about Plan First, visit www.planfirst.org

It's Easy to Apply!

1. Apply online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov or
2. Call Cover Virginia at 1-855-242-8282 to apply on the phone or
3. Print out and complete a [paper application](#) and mail it to your local [Department of Social Services](#) or
4. Visit your local [Department of Social Services](#) in the town or county in which you live.

What information should I include when I apply?

1. Proof of income (if paid in cash, a statement from your employer can be used).
2. Your alien number and a copy of your alien card or immigration papers.
3. Your Social Security number (SSN) or application for an SSN.