

Immigrant Registration: What is it? Should I Register?



On February 25, 2025 the Trump Administration announced a registration requirement for certain members of the immigrant community. Failure to comply could put certain immigrants at risk of being criminally prosecuted.

TO REGISTER OR NOT TO REGISTER:

- If you **do** register with the federal government you may be at greater risk of being deported. You may also be at risk of being charged for the crime of entering the U.S. unlawfully.
- If you **do not** register you may be at risk of being charged for the **crime of failing to register** or **failing to carry evidence of registration** if you are stopped by the police as well as possibly being charged with entering the U.S. unlawfully.



Who may need to register:

- Undocumented community members who have not had contact with immigration and have been in the United States for 30 days or more.
- Immigrant community members who have applied for an immigration visa or status and have not yet been fingerprinted.



Who is already considered registered:



- Anyone in removal proceedings
- Immigrants who entered the United States on parole, even if it is now expired
- Immigrants with valid work permits
- Immigrants admitted in nonimmigrant status and issued a Form I-94, even if it is now expired
- Immigrants with border crossing cards
- Lawful Permanent Residents

BEFORE TAKING ANY STEPS:



WAIT!



****Before taking any steps to register, we recommend waiting until more information on the program is available and to consult with a qualified immigration lawyer or accredited representative.***

IMPORTANT!

Whether or not this new registration requirement affects you, it is important to always carry proof of your current immigration status in case you come in contact with immigration officials or the police.