

## KEY TO I-551 AND I-151 CARDS ("GREEN CARDS")

The codes on a green card indicate how an LPR immigrated to the U.S. This information can be useful, for example, in determining whether an individual immigrated through a family member, as a refugee, or through some other means. As noted below, the code also often indicates whether the immigrant became an LPR through processing at a consulate abroad or through adjustment of status in the U.S. *NOTE: This list is not comprehensive, even as to codes currently in use, and many codes that were used in the past are not included here. Anyone with a green card is an LPR, and a "qualified" immigrant, regardless of the particular code on the card.*

### IMMEDIATE RELATIVE CODES

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
	CF-1, CF-2	Spouse and minor step-child of U.S. citizen who was admitted as a fiancé(e), and is subject to 2-year conditional residency
CR-1, CR-2	CR-6, CR-7	Spouse and step-child of a U.S. citizen subject to 2-year conditional residency
	IF-1, IF-2	Spouse and minor step-child of a U.S. citizen who was admitted as a fiancé(e)
IR-1	IR-6	Spouse of a U.S. citizen
IR-2	IR-7	Child of a U.S. citizen
IR-3, IR-4	IR-8, IR-9	Orphan adopted or to be adopted by a U.S. citizen
IR-5	IR-0	Parent of a U.S. citizen
IW-1, IW-2	IW-6, IW-7	Widow or widower and child of a U.S. citizen
	MR-0, MR-6, MR-7	Parent, spouse, or child of a U.S. citizen, presumed to be LPR, from the Northern Marianas
	Z4-3	Immediate relative of a U.S. citizen or special immigrant granted LPR status through private bill

### FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRANTS – 1ST FAMILY PREFERENCE

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
F1-1	F1-6	Unmarried son or daughter of a U.S. citizen
F1-2	F1-7	Child of F1-1 or F1-6
P1-1	P1-6	Unmarried son or daughter of a U.S. citizen (pre-1991)
P1-2	P1-7	Child of P1-1 or P1-6

### FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRANTS – 2ND FAMILY PREFERENCE

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
C2-1, C2-2	C2-6, C2-7	Spouse and step-child of an LPR subject to 2-year conditional residency
C2-3	C2-8	Child of C2-1, 2, 6, or 7
C2-4	C2-9	Unmarried son or daughter who is step-child of an LPR and subject to 2-year conditional residency
C2-5	C2-0	Child of C2-4 or C2-9
CX-1, CX-2	CX-6, CX-7	Spouse and step-child of an LPR subject to 2-year conditional residency
CX-3	CX-8	Child of CX-1, 2, 6, or 7
F2-1	F2-6	Spouse of LPR
F2-2	F2-7	Child of LPR
F2-3	F2-8	Child of F2-1 or F2-6
F2-4	F2-9	Unmarried son or daughter of LPR

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PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
F2-5	F2-0	Child of F2-4 or F2-9
FX-1	FX-6	Spouse of LPR
FX-2	FX-7	Child of LPR
FX-3	FX-8	Child of FX-1, 2, 6, or 7
P2-1	P2-6	Spouse of LPR (pre-1991)
P2-2	P2-7	Child of LPR
P2-3	P2-8	Child of P2-1, 2, 6, or 7

**FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRANTS – 3RD FAMILY PREFERENCE**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
C3-1	C3-6	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen subject to 2-year conditional residency
C3-2, C3-3	C3-7, C3-8	Spouse or child of C3-1 or C3-6 subject to 2-year conditional residency
F3-1	F3-6	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen
F3-2, F3-3	F3-7, F3-8	Spouse or child of F3-1 or F3-6
P4-1	P4-6	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen
P4-2, P4-3	P4-7, P4-8	Spouse or child of P4-1 or P4-6

**FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRANTS – 4TH FAMILY PREFERENCE**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
F4-1	F4-6	Brother or sister of U.S. citizen
F4-2, F4-3	F4-7, F4-8	Spouse or child of F4-1 or F4-2
P5-1	P5-6	Brother or sister of U.S. citizen (pre-1991)
P5-2, P5-3	P5-7, P5-8	Spouse or child of P5-1 or P5-2

**VAWA SELF-PETITIONERS**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
B1-1	B1-6	Self-petition unmarried son or daughter of a U.S. citizen
B1-2	B1-7	Child of B1-1 or B1-6
B2-1	B2-6	Self-petition spouse of an LPR
B2-3	B2-8	Child of B2-1 or B2-6
B2-4	B2-9	Self-petition unmarried son or daughter of an LPR
B2-5	B2-0	Child of B2-4 or B2-9
B3-1	B3-6	Self-petition married son or daughter of a U.S. citizen
B3-2, B3-3	B3-3, B3-8	Spouse or child of B3-1 or B3-6
BX-1	BX-6	Self-petition spouse of an LPR
BX-2	BX-7	Self-petition child of an LPR
BX-3	B2-8	Child of BX-1, 2, 6, or 7
IB-1	IB-6	Self-petition spouse of a U.S. citizen
IB-2	IB-7	Self-petition child of a U.S. citizen
IB-3	IB-8	Child of IB-1 or IB-6

**KEY TO I-551 AND I-151 CARDS (CONTINUED)****LEGALIZATION IMMIGRANTS**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
CB-1, CB-2	CB-6, CB-7	Spouse or child of LPR legalized under INA §§ 210, 245A, or the Cuban/Haitian Adj. Act
LB-1, LB-2	LB-6, LB-7	Spouse or child of LPR legalized under INA §§ 210, 245A, or the Cuban/Haitian Adj. Act
	S1-6, S2-6	Special agricultural workers (SAWs)
	W1-6, W2-6, W3-6	Legalized under INA § 245A

**EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
C5-1, C5-2, C5-3	C5-6, C5-7, C5-8	Investors in U.S. business and dependents
E1-1, E1-2, E1-3, E1-4, E1-5	E1-6, E1-7, E1-8, E1-9, E1-0	Priority workers with outstanding or extraordinary abilities, and dependents
E2-1, E2-2, E2-3	E2-6, E2-7, E2-8	Professionals with advanced degrees or exceptional abilities, and dependents
E3-1, E3-2, E3-3, E3-5	E3-6, E3-7, E3-8, E3-9, E3-0	Professionals/skilled workers and dependents
E5-1, E5-2, E5-3	E5-6, E5-7, E5-8	Employment creation immigrants and dependents
EW-3, EW-4, EW-5	EW-8, EW-9, EW-0	Other (nonskilled workers and dependents)
	NP-8, NP-9	Investor and dependent, pre-June 1, 1978
I5-1, I5-2, I5-3	I5-6, I5-7, I5-8	Investor pilot program principals and dependents, conditional
P3-1, P3-2, P3-3	P3-6, P3-7, P3-8	Professional/skilled worker and dependents, pre-1991
P6-1, P6-2, P6-3	P6-6, P6-7, P6-8	Unskilled workers and dependents, pre-1991
R5-1, R5-2, R5-3	R5-6, R5-7, R5-8	Investor pilot program principals and dependents, nontargeted (conditional)
T5-1, T5-2, T5-3	T5-6, T5-7, T5-8	Investors in targeted areas and dependents (conditional)

**SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS**

PROCESSING ABROAD	ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.	MEANING
SA-1, SA-2, SA-3	SA-6, SA-7, SA-8	Western Hemisphere immigrants (discontinued)
SC-1, SC-2	SC-6, SC-7	Former U.S. citizens
SD-1, SD-2, SD-3	SD-6, SD-7, SD-8	Minister and dependents
SE-1, SE-2, SE-3	SE-6, SE-7, SE-8	Employees or former employees and dependents of U.S. government abroad
SF-1, SF-2, SG-1, SG-2, SH-1, SH-2	SF-6, SF-7, SG-6, SG-7, SH-6, SH-7	Employees or former employees and dependents of the Panama Canal Co., Canal Zone Government, or U.S. government in Panama Canal Zone
SK-1, SK-2, SK-3, SK-4	SK-6, SK-7, SK-8, SK-9	Employees or former employees and dependents or surviving spouses who worked for international organizations
SL-1	SL-6	Juvenile court dependent
SM-1, SM-2, SM-3, SM-4, SM-5	SM-6, SM-7, SM-8, SM-9, SM-0	Immigrants and their dependents recruited or enlisted to serve in U.S. armed forces
SF-1, SR-2, SR-3	SR-6, SR-7, SR-8	Religious workers and dependents

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**KEY TO I-551 AND I-151 CARDS (CONTINUED)****OTHER IMMIGRANTS**

<b>PROCESSING ABROAD</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
AA-1, AA-2, AA-3	AA-6, AA-7, AA-8	Diversity visa lottery winners and dependents, 1991-1994
A1-1, A1-2, A3-1, A3-2, A3-3	A1-6, A1-7, A3-6, A3-7, A3-8	Amerasians and family members from Cambodia, Korea, Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam
AM-1, AM-2, AM-3	AM-6, AM-7, AM-8	Vietnamese Amerasians and family members
AR-1	AR-6	Amerasian child of U.S. citizen born in Cambodia, Korea, Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam
	AS-6, AS-7, AS-8	Asylee principal, spouse, and child
	CH-6, CN-P, CU-6, CU-7	Cuban/Haitian entrant; Cuban Adjustment Act
	DS-1	Individual born under diplomatic status in U.S.
DT-1, DT-2, DT-3	DT-6, DT-7, DT-8	Displaced Tibetans and dependents
DV-1, DV-2, DV-3	DV-6, DV-7, DV-8	Diversity visa lottery winners and dependents
	EC-6, EC-7, EC-8	Adjustment under Chinese Student Protection Act
ES-1	ES-6	Soviet scientist
HK-1, HK-2, HK-3	HK-6, HK-7, HK-8	Employees and dependents of certain U.S. businesses operating in Hong Kong
	IC-6, IC-7	Indochinese refugee
	LA-6	Certain parolees from the Soviet Union, Cambodia, Laos, or Vietnam who were denied refugee status and paroled – Lautenberg adjustment
NA-3		Child born during temporary visit abroad of a mother who is an LPR or national of the U.S.
	NC-6, NC-7, NC-8, NC-9	Persons granted adjustment under Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act, spouses, children under 21, and unmarried sons and daughters 21 and over
	R8-6	Refugee paroled into U.S. prior to Apr. 1, 1980
	RE-6, RE-7, RE-8, RE-9	Refugees and their dependents
	RN-6, RN-7	Former H-1 nurses and dependents
S1-3		American Indian born in Canada
SE-H	SE-K	Employee of U.S. Mission in Hong Kong
SJ-2	SJ-6, SJ-7	Foreign medical school graduate and dependents
	XB-3	Presumed to have been admitted as LPR under 8 C.F.R. § 101.1
XE-3, XF-3, XN-3, XR-3		Child born subsequent to issuance of visa to LPR parent.
	Y6-4	Refugee (prior to July 1, 1953)
	Z0-3, Z3-3, Z6-6	Adjusted to LPR status through registry
	Z1-3, Z5-6	Granted suspension of deportation
	Z-2	Generic code for adjustment
	Z4-3	Beneficiary of a private bill
	Z8-3	Foreign official immediate relative of U.S. citizen or special immigrant