**FAQ**

**DOES PUBLIC CHARGE APPLY TO ME?**

**THE NEW PUBLIC CHARGE TEST DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:**

- US Citizens
- Green Card Holders/Legal Permanent Residents—Unless you leave the country for more than 180 days (6 months). If you leave for more than 6 months, you may be subject to the test.
- Refugees
- Asylees
- Violence Against Women Act petitioners
- Temporary Protected Status applicant/holder
- U and T Visa applicant/holder
- Special Immigrant Juvenile
- DACA recipients—If you decide to apply for a green card/US citizenship, then the public charge test may apply

**WHICH PUBLIC BENEFITS DOES THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST APPLY TO?**
The following public benefit programs are considered:

- CalFresh/SNAP
- Section 8 Housing and project based rental assistance
- Medi-Cal
- Long Term Institutional Care paid for by the government
- SSI
- CAPI
- Cash Assistance
- TANF
- General Relief

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WHICH PUBLIC BENEFITS ARE NOT INCLUDED AT ALL UNDER THE NEW PUBLIC CHARGE TEST?

» Unemployment benefits
» WIC
» School-based nutrition services
» Medi-Cal for children under the age of 21
» Medi-Cal for pregnancy and up to 60 days afterwards
» Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
» Emergency and school-based Medi-Cal
» Public health services
» Veteran’s benefits
» Worker’s compensation
» Government pensions
» Social security retirement, or disability benefits (based on work history and sufficient quarters earned)
» Benefits that are used by other family members
» Emergency and disaster relief
» Head Start
» Benefits used by members of the military, reserves, and their family members

RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS
Los Angeles Office of Immigrant Affairs hotline
800-593-8222
Neighborhood Legal Services
Los Angeles hotline
800-433-5267

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