

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

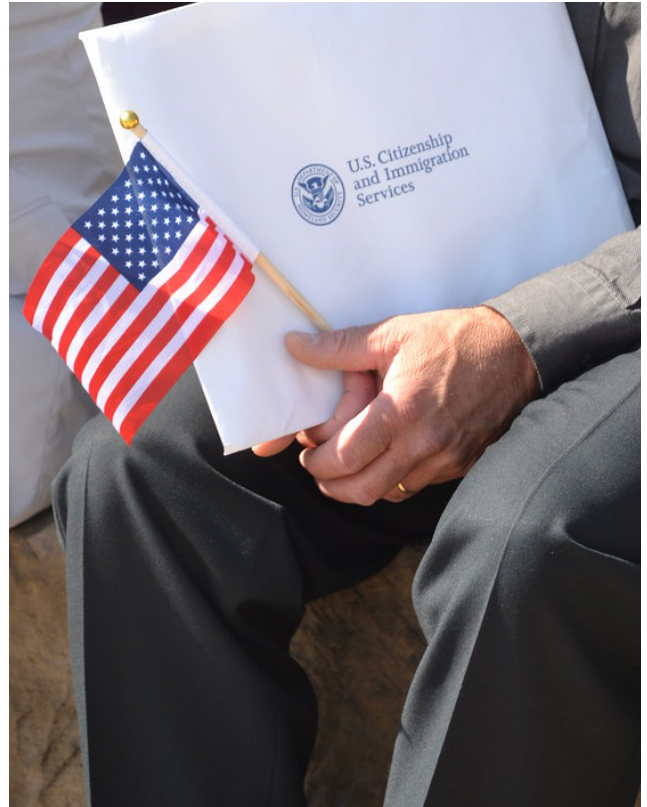


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WHICH PUBLIC BENEFITS ARE NOT INCLUDED AT ALL UNDER THE NEW PUBLIC CHARGE TEST?

- » 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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