

LIBERIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FAIRNESS (LRIF)



What is LRIF?

On December 20, 2019, Congress passed an act that included LRIF, which lets qualifying Liberian nationals apply for lawful permanent resident status.

You may qualify if:

- You are a Liberian national
- You have been continuously physically present in the United States from November 20, 2014 to the date you file your application
- You have not been convicted of certain disqualifying crimes
- You have not been involved in the persecution of other people based on specific grounds

Important to know about LRIF:

- You may be eligible for work authorization
- Your spouse and unmarried children may also qualify to adjust status
- There is no public charge test under LRIF
- You can be eligible even if you do not have Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)

Is there a deadline to apply?

Yes. As of the date of this flyer, the deadline to apply for adjustment of status under LRIF is December 20, 2020.

For up to date information on the deadline, please visit bit.ly/lrifinfo.

How can I get proof of Liberian nationality from the consulate?

You must fill out the passport application on the Liberian consulate website: bit.ly/liberiaconsulate. Once you fill out the application, you will be able to schedule an appointment to get your fingerprints taken at the consulate to complete the process.

If you have any questions, send an email to info@liberiaconsulate-ny.com or call [212-687-1025](tel:212-687-1025). Please note that processing the passport can take 3-6 weeks.



Where can I get help applying for LRIF?

Any New Yorker with questions on how they can apply for adjustment of status under LRIF should consult with a trusted immigration legal service provider. City-funded, free and confidential immigration legal help is available.

Call ActionNYC at [1-800-354-0365](tel:1-800-354-0365), or [call 311](tel:311) and say "ActionNYC," between 9AM - 6PM, Monday - Friday.

Additionally, Staten Island residents may also contact Staten Island Legal Services at [718-233-6480](tel:718-233-6480) between 9AM - 5PM, Monday - Friday, to speak with intake staff.

