

LIBERIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FAIRNESS (LRIF)



What is LRIF?

On December 20, 2019, Congress passed an Act that included a special provision called Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF), which allows certain Liberian nationals who have lived continuously in the United States since November 20, 2014 to apply for lawful permanent residence. While the deadline was originally December 20, 2020, it has now been extended to December 20, 2021. You MAY qualify if you are a Liberian national who has been continuously in the United States from November 20, 2014 to the date you file your application. It is important to consult with a trusted legal representative to determine if you qualify for LRIF—and if your spouse and unmarried children may be included too. The deadline to apply under LRIF is December 20, 2021.

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

Learn more about LRIF: nyc.gov/ded-lrif

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, email 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?

New York City residents may contact Staten Island Legal Services at [718-233-6480](tel:718-233-6480) between 9AM – 5PM, Monday through Friday, to ask questions and seek free legal help.

Immigrant New Yorkers can also call the ActionNYC hotline at [800-354-0365](tel:800-354-0365) between 9AM – 6PM, Monday through Friday, to access a range of City-funded immigration legal help. You can say “Liberian” to expedite your call.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/ded-lrif.