

# What you need to know about President Biden's Immigration Reform Proposal

## What happens now?



*Can I apply for legal status under Biden's proposal now?*

No, because **it's not the law yet**. U.S. immigration laws have *not* yet changed!



**Beware of any attorney or other person who tells you that you can apply for legal status under Biden's proposal now. This is not true!**



*Would I qualify for the proposed law?* There's no way to know yet! The proposed bill will only become law when and if Congress passes it.



**We don't know if Congress will pass the law.** If it does pass, the law and its requirements will likely change first.



**Only trust a licensed attorney or accredited representative** for information about the proposed law. If you're unsure if your lawyer is trustworthy, contact us.



## Who would the proposed law help?

The proposed law would provide **undocumented people** who were present in the U.S. on January 1, 2021, with an 8-year path to citizenship if they meet certain requirements like paying taxes and passing background checks.

**Farmworkers**, people with **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**, and people with **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** would get a faster path to citizenship if they meet certain requirements.

The proposed law would allow some **people who were deported** under the Trump administration and had previously lived in the U.S. for 3+ years to return for family or other humanitarian reasons.

The proposed law would also help **asylum-seekers**. It would...

- fund immigration legal services for vulnerable populations.
- eliminate the one-year filing deadline for asylum applications.
- authorize regional processing centers in Central America to register people for refugee resettlement and other legal migration programs.

Additionally, the proposed law would change the dehumanizing term "alien" to "noncitizen" in U.S. immigration law.

*...This list isn't exhaustive!*

## So, what can I do now?

- **Talk to HIAS Pennsylvania** to see if you have any options under current law. Call **(215) 832-0900** or visit <https://hiaspa.org/>.
- **You can also find a reputable attorney** using these online tools: <https://www.aialawyer.com/> (*private attorneys*) or <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/> (*nonprofits*).
- **Stay informed of your legal rights** if you come into contact with the police or ICE.
- **Make an emergency deportation defense plan** with your family.
- **Keep important documents**, like identity papers (birth certificates, passports) and any immigration records, in a safe place.

