GREEN CARD APPLICATION PROCESS

From Eligibility to Approval

1 CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Determine if you qualify for a Green Card through family, employment, asylum, diversity lottery, or other categories.

2 FILE PETITION

Your sponsor (employer or family member) files a petition with USCIS on your behalf (Form I-130, I-140, or other applicable form).

3 PETITION APPROVAL

USCIS reviews and approves the petition. You will receive an approval notice (Form I-797).

4 FILE GREEN CARD APPLICATION

File Form I-485 (Adjustment of Status) if in the U.S. or consular processing application if outside the U.S. Include required forms, fees, and documents.

5 BIOMETRICS APPOINTMENT

Attend biometrics appointment for fingerprinting, photo, and signature.

6 INTERVIEW

Attend the Green Card interview at USCIS office or U.S. Consulate.

7 BACKGROUND CHECK & REVIEW

USCIS conducts background checks and reviews your case.

8 APPROVAL & GREEN CARD ISSUED

If approved, you will receive your Green Card in the mail.