



# STATUS DOCUMENTS

Documents non-citizens should carry to prove lawful status in the U.S.

## **U.S. Permanent Residents: Temporary Visa Holders:**

U.S. permanent residents age 18 or older are required to have their valid U.S. permanent resident cards in their possession at all times.

Temporary (nonimmigrant) visa holders are not required to carry status documentation on their person at all times. However, in case they are questioned by any U.S. authorities, they should have a copy of their passport bio page and relevant status documents readily accessible (hard copies, digital copies or photos on their mobile devices).

## **Examples of documents to prove lawful status for common visas:**

### **Status: F-1 or F2**

- Passport Bio Page +
- Current I-94 +
- Valid Form I-20

### **Status: B, E, H, O, P, R, TN, TD**

- Passport Bio Page +
- Current I-94

### **Status: J-1 or J-2**

- Passport Bio Page +
- Current I-94 +
- Valid DS-2019

### **Status: L-1 or L-2**

- Passport Bio Page +
- Current I-94
- Blanket L-1 status holders should also have a copy of their endorsed Form I-129S

### **I-485 Applicants**

- For those who do not have a visa status, I-797 Notice of Action I-485 Receipt

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