

# IMMIGRATION PETITIONS FILED PRIOR TO OR ON APRIL 30, 2001

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## HOW AN OLDER IMMIGRATION PETITION CAN MAKE IT EASIER TO APPLY FOR A GREEN CARD

Did a family member or employer ever file an immigration petition or labor certificate on your behalf? If so, was it filed on or before April 30, 2001? This petition or labor certificate could help you file for a green card more easily.

INA § 245(i) allows persons would otherwise not qualify for adjustment of status to file after submitting an additional form, evidence and paying a \$1,000.00 fee. Adjustment of

status means applying for a green card from within the United States, as opposed to leaving the United States to apply for a green card at the US Embassy in the applicant's country of citizenship.

INA § 245(i) is very helpful because a qualified applicant can avoid consular processing, that is, traveling abroad to their country of citizenship and being interviewed at the US Embassy. The applicant would be allowed to avoid

international travel and simply be interviewed by USCIS at the closest Field Office to their home in the United States. INA §245(i) is a very helpful tool for qualified applicants to apply for a green card in a more efficient and smooth manner. An immigration attorney can help you learn if INA § 245(i) applies in your case and if you qualify for adjustment of status.

## PRIZE GIVEAWAY COMPLETE!

Thank you to all of our participants who correctly guessed that the United States, Mexico and Australia are the three countries in the world that do not have an official language! Congratulations to our winner, Olga Montijo!

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## MEETINGS IN THE OFFICE HAVE RESUMED AS OF MAY 18TH

We want to thank all of our clients, potential clients, and visitors to the office for their kind compliance with our COVID-19 precautions! We appreciate your efforts to help keep our community safe. Our new policies for meetings in the office are outlined in our May 2020 Newsletter (located on our website and Facebook page). Attorney Cynthia also discusses these precautions in a video located

on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/flechalaw/videos/231203561668452/>

We are continuing to accept new clients for immigration, small business, family and traffic matters. We are pleased to offer a \$25.00 discount on telephone and virtual consultations during the COVID-19 pandemic.