

## FYI

### Legal Permanent Resident Noncitizen Requirements

Policy states that EAEDC applicants who are Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) noncitizens must be working towards becoming citizens (See 106 CMR 320.620 (B)(1)(b)) if they are eligible for citizenship within the next three years. AU Managers must assist these applicants by referring them to agencies that will help them become citizens. Generally, noncitizens who get their LPR status through marriage may apply for citizenship two years after getting their LPR status. Noncitizens who get their LPR status through a way other than marriage may apply for citizenship four years after getting their LPR status.

While applicants should be working towards becoming citizens if possible, failing to do so should not prevent their applications from being approved. Therefore, when generating a VC-1, do not list “Effort to Become a Citizen” as required verification at initial application. If otherwise eligible, these Noncitizens must be approved for EAEDC following established procedures. An LPR who is eligible to apply for citizenship but refuses to cooperate, without good cause, may face termination of benefits. Remember, good cause exceptions to this requirement may include financial hardship (i.e., inability to afford citizenship application fee) or unavailability of community resources to assist with the citizenship application.

If you have any questions about this policy, please have your hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.

