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I-601 and I-212 waivers

In certain circumstances, individuals who have been found ineligible for an immigrant visa under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) may be eligible to apply for a waiver of the ineligibility. At the time of the immigrant visa interview, the consular officer will make a determination as to whether an applicant is waiver eligible. If the consular officer finds an applicant ineligible for a visa, but eligible to apply for a waiver, the officer will give the applicant instructions on how to apply for the waiver.

The waiver application and supporting documentation are reviewed by the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) (USCIS). Applicants are notified in writing of the waiver decision and given instructions on how to proceed. Waiver applications referred for further review normally take between twelve to fifteen months to process.

See the [USCIS I-601 Waiver](#) and the [USCIS I-212 Waiver](#) page for more information.