

ELA List of Accepted Documentation

Eligibility Category	Examples of Acceptable Documents	# of Documents Required	REAL ID Accepted?	Notes
U.S. Citizen	1. U.S. Birth Certificate, 2. U.S. Passport / Passport Card, 3. Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship, 4. Consular Report of Birth Abroad, 5. REAL ID	1	Yes	REAL ID must show federal marking (e.g., star); must be compliant and issued to a citizen.
Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder)	1. Green Card (Form I-551), 2. I-797 Notice of Action confirming LPR status	1	Sometimes	Only if REAL ID clearly indicates LPR status; Green Card is preferred.
Refugee	1. I-94 with refugee stamp, 2. Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571), 3. I-797 approval for refugee status	1	No	Must be issued by DHS or USCIS confirming refugee status.
Asylee	1. I-94 showing asylum status, 2. I-797 asylum grant, 3. EAD with category "a5"	1	No	EAD must show asylum category or documentation confirming grant of asylum.
Parolee (1+ year)	1. I-94 showing parole for 1 year or more, 2. I-797 confirming parole status	1	No	Must prove parole term of 12 months or longer.
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	1. I-94 or I-797 indicating CH Entrant status	1	No	Must indicate CH Entrant under federal immigration law.
Conditional Entrant (pre-1980)	1. I-94 or I-797 with conditional entrant designation	1	No	Rare designation; acceptable if clearly noted.
Victim of Trafficking (TVPA)	1. HHS Certification Letter (adults), 2. HHS Eligibility Letter (minors), 3. I-914 or I-797 approval	1	No	Only letters or DHS notices issued under TVPA accepted.
Battered Spouse/Child (VAWA)	1. I-797 approval under VAWA, 2. Prima facie VAWA letter	1	No	Must reference protection under VAWA.
Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	1. TPS approval notice, 2. EAD with category "A12" or "C19"	1	No	Country must be currently designated for TPS.
NATO Personnel/Family	1. NATO-1 through NATO-7 visa, 2. NATO ID Card	1	No	Rare; valid only with NATO documentation.