Does Public Charge Apply to Me?

**U.S. CITIZEN**
If you are a U.S. citizen:  
**DOES NOT APPLY**

**GREEN CARD HOLDER**
If you are renewing a green card or applying to become a U.S. citizen:

*NOTE:* If you plan to leave the country for more than 180 days, public charge MAY apply and it is a good idea to talk to an immigration attorney.  
**DOES NOT APPLY***

**SPECIAL VISA APPLICANT/HOLDER**
If you have one of the following statuses:
- Refugee
- Asylee
- Violence Against Women Act Petitioner
- Temporary Protected Status
- Other Non-citizen Groups (e.g., DACA renewal applicants)
**DOES NOT APPLY**

**GREEN CARD OR VISA APPLICANTS INSIDE THE U.S.**
If you plan to apply for a green card or visa from inside the U.S. and you do not belong to an exempt immigrant status, as described above,

**USE OF THESE BENEFITS WILL BE CONSIDERED:**
- CalWORKs
- General Relief
- Long-Term Care Medi-Cal
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants
- Supplemental Security Income
**WILL APPLY**

**IN ADDITION, APPLICATIONS FOR OR USE OF THESE BENEFITS ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2020 WILL BE CONSIDERED:**
- CalFresh
- Housing
- Medi-Cal*

*The new public charge rules will not consider Medi-Cal benefits received for emergency services, or Medi-Cal received by children under 21, pregnant women, and others. Talk to an expert for advice before making any decisions about your benefits.

**GREEN CARD OR VISA APPLICANTS OUTSIDE THE U.S.**
If you plan to apply for a green card or visa from outside the U.S., new public charge rules MAY apply to you.
Talk to an expert for advice on your case before making decisions.  
**MAY APPLY**

For information and referrals about free or low-cost legal services in your area, contact the County of Los Angeles Office of Immigrant Affairs at (800) 593-8222 or oia.lacounty.gov.