Alien Registration Requirement - Simple Explanation

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed a new order called *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*. This order tells the U.S. government to make sure that all non-citizens living in the U.S. follow the law by registering with the government. If someone does not register, they may face legal punishment.

Who Must Register?

- If you are 14 years or older, were not registered or fingerprinted when applying for a U.S. visa, and stay in the U.S. for 30+ days, you must register.
- Parents or guardians must register their children under 14 years old if they stay in the U.S. for 30+ days.
- If a child turns 14 years old, they must re-register within 30 days.

What Happens After Registration?

- After registering and getting fingerprinted (if needed), the government will give proof of registration.
- If you are 18 or older, you must always carry this proof.
- Not registering can lead to fines or criminal charges.

Who Has Already Registered?

You are already registered if you have:

- √ A Green Card (lawful permanent resident)
- ✓ A visa (immigrant or nonimmigrant) before entering the U.S.
- √ A Form I-94 (nonimmigrant entry record)
- ✓ An employment authorization card
- √ Been placed in removal proceedings by DHS
- ✓ Applied for a Green Card using certain forms (I-485, I-687, etc.)

Who Has Not Registered?

You are not registered if you:

- X Entered the U.S. without inspection or without a visa
- X Are a Canadian visitor who entered at a land border without registration
- X Applied for DACA or Temporary Protected Status but were not given registration proof

Who Does NOT Have to Register?

American Indians born in Canada – If they entered the U.S. under Section 289 of the INA, they do not need to register.

○ Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians – Members who entered under the Texas Band of Kickapoo Act are exempt from registration.

How to Register?

- The government will soon announce the registration process and a new form.
- Starting Feb. 25, 2025, you should create a USCIS online account to prepare.
- Once available, you must submit the registration through your USCIS online account.

Failure to Register = Serious Consequences

- Misdemeanor Prosecution Legal action that could lead to criminal charges.
- Monetary Fines You may be fined for not registering.
- Potential Immigration Consequences Not registering could affect your immigration status.

DHS Warning: Failure to register will be a **top priority** for both civil and criminal enforcement under the new executive order.

Register Now to avoid serious penalties!

Important Warnings

■ Registration is NOT the same as legal status – it does not give you permission to work or stay in the U.S.

Beware of scams – only get immigration advice from authorized professionals.



Get comprehensive legal advice today! Don't wait—understand your rights and options.