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[VAWA 2000 Legislative History](#)

[Wilberforce Amendments](#)

Wilberforce Amendments on Bona Fide Work Authorization.

[9 FAM](#)

Field Adjudicator's Manual for Department of State with information on U visas.

U and T Visas Adjustment of Status Regulations With Preamble

VAWA 2013 and TVPRA: What Practitioners Need to Know

The Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013), combined with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPRA), was signed into law on March 7, 2013.

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Extension of Status for U and T Nonimmigrants (Corrected and Reissued, October 4, 2016)

This policy memorandum (PM) provides guidance about extension of status for T and U nonimmigrants, including any related I-485, application to adjust status. This PM rescind and replaces PM 602-0032.1. This PM revises chapters 39.1 and 39.2 of the Adjudicator's Field Manual.

USCIS Policy Memorandum: U Adjustment and Failure to Voluntary Departure (May 13, 2016)

This policy memorandum (PM) designates the attached decision of the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) in *Matter of L-S-M-* as an Adopted Decision.

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Changes to U Nonimmigrant Status and Adjustment of Status Provisions (June 15, 2014)

This Policy Memorandum (PM) provides guidance on new legislation that amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) affecting U nonimmigrant status programs and related adjustment of status applications.

Group Comment to USCIS VAWA 2013 Guidance (August 8, 2014)

This comment was submitted by 32 national, state, and local organizations in responses to USCIS Guidance Implementing U visa provisions of VAWA 2013.

Comments on USCIS U Derivative Guidance (January 10, 2013)

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Age-Out Protections for Derivative U Status Holders: Petitions, Initial Approvals and Extension of Status (October 24, 2012)

This Policy Memorandum (PM) provides guidance relating to certain U-3 derivative nonimmigrant petitions that are being held for final adjudication or have had their prior approvals limited in time due to derivative aging-out. This PM also authorizes the approval of U-3 derivative nonimmigrant

petitions for the full eligibility period of four years, allowing the U-3 derivative to remain in U nonimmigrant status past his or her 21st birthday, if necessary. This PM updates the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) by adding Chapters 39.1 (f)(4)(v-viii)- AFM Updated AD11-41.

DOJ & INS Memorandum: Unlawful Presence and Authorized Periods of Stay (June 12, 2012)

This memorandum (PM) provides a list of situation in which a person would qualify for an authorized period of stay, temporary protective status (TPS), or deferred enforcement departure (DED).

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Extension of Status for T and U Nonimmigrants (March 8, 2011)

This policy memorandum (PM) provides guidance about extensions of status for T and U nonimmigrants, including any related applications for adjustment of status.

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Extension of Status for T and U Nonimmigrants (February 23, 2011)

This Policy Memorandum (PM) provides guidance about extensions of status for T and U nonimmigrants, including any related application for adjustment

of status.

USCIS Policy Memorandum: Extension of U Nonimmigrant Status for Derivative Family Members Using Form I-539 (June 22, 2010)

This policy memorandum (PM) allows extension of status for U derivative family members due to consular processing delays, and for other reasons as well.

Virtue Memo on Any Credible Evidence Standard (and Extreme Hardship) (Oct. 16, 1998)

This old memo has excellent language near the end on the "any credible evidence" standard -- "Documentary Requirements" -- and why it exists. The discussion of "extreme hardship" is no longer relevant to VAWA self-petitions but may be helpful to those seeking VAWA cancellation, where that requirement still exists. [Here for Virtue Memo on Any Credible Evidence Standard \(and Extreme Hardship\) in Word Version.](#)

Adjustment of Status

ASISTA I-485 Comments (Nov. 7, 2023)

On September 8, 2023, USCIS published a revision of Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status greatly expanding the number and type of questions for applicants to complete. [On November 7, 2023, ASISTA submitted a comment](#) emphasizing the impact of these form changes on beneficiaries of survivor-based relief.

[Advanced Issues in U Visas and U Adjustment of Status \(Updated August 2023\)](#)

This practice advisory addresses a recent case law development regarding derivative eligibility for U visa qualifying family members, the use of discretion in waivers of inadmissibility for U visas, as well as common issues in U-based adjustment of status, such as addressing unwaived grounds of inadmissibility and negative discretionary factors.

[AIC Practice Advisory on Child Status Protection Act \(November 4, 2009\)](#)

The Child Status Protection Act (CSPA), provides relief to children who “age-out” as a result of delays by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in processing visa petitions and asylum and refugee applications.

[U Visa Adjustment of Status Summary of Regulations \(January 12, 2009\)](#)

[U Visa Adjustment of Status Fact Sheet and Guidance \(January 12, 2009\)](#)

9-NIJC U AOS RFE Response Re: Records of Conviction

AOS Processing Cover Sheet for Families with U Visas

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