

## Highlights of the 2025–2026 Edition

The 2025–2026 Edition of *Immigration Act of 1990 Today* includes discussion of:

- USCIS policy memorandum addressing Child Status Protection Act age calculation during periods of visa unavailability
- USCIS Policy Manual changes which clarify how USCIS evaluates the evidence to determine eligibility for the extraordinary ability classification
- USCIS Policy Manual update providing guidance regarding national interest waiver petitions
- D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision concluding that the district courts lacked authority to hold that the Department of State had unlawfully suspended, deprioritized, and delayed the processing of applications for diversity visas for FY2020 and FY2021 at the height of the global COVID-19 pandemic
- USCIS final rule entitled “Modernizing H-1B Requirements, Providing Flexibility in the F-1 Program, and Program Improvements Affecting Other Nonimmigrant Workers”
- Foreign Affairs Manual update related to processing waivers for certain DACA beneficiaries
- A Second Circuit decision finding that a criminal charge was not clear and convincing evidence of a CIMT necessary to consider the lawful permanent resident an applicant for admission at the time of entry
- USCIS policy memorandum containing guidance regarding USCIS issuance of NTAs to initiate removal proceedings
- USCIS Policy Alerts regarding automatic acquisition of citizenship and the legal and physical custody requirements for purposes of acquisition of citizenship
- T Final Rule which codified existing policies, modified certain provisions to reflect statutory changes and clarified eligibility requirements for noncitizens seeking T nonimmigrant status and related adjustment of status