

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

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## Relevant Government Entities

Department of Justice - Executive Office for  
Immigration Review (EOIR)

- *Immigration Courts*
- *Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)*

[Justice.gov/eoir](https://www.justice.gov/eoir)

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# Relevant Government Entities

## Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
  - *Office of Chief Counsel*
  - *Investigations*
  - *Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)*
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
  - *Service Centers*
  - *Field Offices*
  - *Asylum Office*
  - *Note: it is important to know the policies and practices of local offices*

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# Relevant Government Entities

## Department of State

- National Visa Center
- Embassies and Consulates

### Resources

- [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)
- FAM manual

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## Relevant Government Entities

- Department of Labor
- Social Security
- Internal Revenue Service
- DMV Offices

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## Where Do I Find the Rules?

### Statues and Regulations

- Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. §§1101 et seq
- 8 CFR

### Other

- BIA, federal court decisions
- Administrative appeals
- Memos and policy statements
- EOIR rules, EOIR bench book and BIA practice manual
- USCIS Policy Manual

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