

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*

Relevant Government Entities

Department of State

- National Visa Center
- Embassies and Consulates

Resources

- travel.state.gov
- FAM manual

Relevant Government Entities

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

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Where Do I Find the Rules?

Statutes 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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[The Basics of United States Immigration and Nationality Laws, Agencies, and Terminology](#)

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