



IMMIGRATION ALERT!



MORE COUNTRIES ADDED TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

We recently advised that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) required that certain foreign nationals already present in the United States appear before an INS officer to undergo special registration procedures. The INS has expanded the rule to include foreign nationals from two additional countries: **PAKISTAN** and **SAUDI ARABIA**.

The balance of this Alert addresses the recently added nationalities subject to the registration requirement. Click below if you would like to view a chart that summarizes all of the nationalities subject to the special registration requirement.

www.immstar.com/NEWS/UPLOADS/SpecialRegistrationAt-A-GlanceChart.pdf

Who Must Register

The most recently announced registration requirement applies to any male born on or before January 13, 1987 and who is a national (i.e., born in) or citizen of Pakistan or Saudi Arabia. These individuals must register with the INS between **January 13, 2003** and **February 21, 2003** if **ALL** of the following apply:

- currently in any immigration status EXCEPT that of A or G nonimmigrant, lawful permanent resident (green card), asylee, or applicant for asylum (application made on or before December 16, 2002)
- most recent admission to the U.S. was on or before September 30, 2002
- will remain in the U.S. until February 21, 2003 or beyond

It does not appear that dual nationality or citizenship affects the registration requirement.

Registration Process

Those who must register are required to appear at a designated INS office before an INS officer to complete the registration process, which will include, among other things, an interview under oath, fingerprinting, photographing, and the presentation of acceptable proof of status and residence (see *Required Documents*). Go to <http://www.ins.gov/graphics/lawsregs/fr110602.pdf> for a copy of the government notice that contains a listing of the designated INS offices. Note that registration is an annual process: Any person who registered is required to reregister in every subsequent year within 10 days of the original registration date.

Required Documents

To comply with the proof of status and residence requirements, the following documents should be taken to the registration interview:

- passport (or any other repatriation/travel documents held if no passport)
- Form I-94 or I-94W issued upon last admission to U.S.
- any other government issued form(s) of identification
- if living in the US: land title, mortgage documents, or rental/lease agreement
- if visiting the US: statement from host, hotel address/bill, company housing info, or other accommodations details
- proof of employment (especially if status is employment based)
- proof of matriculation and good-standing at educational institution (especially if status is school-sponsored)
- any other related documents felt to be helpful, relevant, or necessary to confirm or clarify residency or status

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