



### **Conditional Residents Applying for Citizenship**

- USCIS issues green cards that are valid for two years to lawful permanent residents who received their green card through a U.S. citizen spouse they recently married. Conditional residents must petition to remove the “conditions” on their green card to get a green card that is valid for 10 years.
  
- If you are a conditional resident, you **must** file a joint I-751 or a I-751 waiver before you can apply for citizenship.
  - We do **not** assist with I-751 applications.
  
  - For help with a I-751 application, try calling these organizations:
    - Rian Immigrant Center: (617) 542-7654
    - Catholic Charities of Boston: (617) 464-8500
  
- **Conditional residents may apply for citizenship if an I-751 application is pending.**
  
- Did you file a joint I-751 or a I-751 waiver and are waiting for a decision from USCIS?
  - If you are waiting for a decision, we **cannot** represent you in your pending I-751 application. You will need to appear for any I-751 interview(s) and respond to any I-751 notice(s) **without** our assistance or legal advice.
  
  - We **can** help you complete and submit a citizenship application. We will track any citizenship case notices after you apply.
  
- **Your citizenship application cannot be approved until your I-751 has been approved.**
  - If you apply for citizenship before a decision is made on your I-751, you **may** be scheduled for an I-751 interview or issued a continuance on your I-751.
  
  - If your I-751 application is denied, the government will issue you a Notice to Appear in removal proceedings at immigration court where you can renew your I-751 application in front of an immigration judge. We **cannot** represent you in any immigration court proceedings.