

Federal Supports for Immigrant Integration and Inclusion

Pre-immigration & Immigration

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

- » Manages the green card process
- » Conducts security checks for refugees

U.S. State Department, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)

- » Initial reception and placement of refugees

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

- » Provides funds to states and organizations to help refugees and asylees in resettle and achieve self-sufficiency

Integration & Inclusion

LINGUISTIC INTEGRATION

Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): Funds states/grantees to provide English language acquisition instruction

ORR: Funds grantees to provide English language acquisition

USCIS: Develops citizenship preparation materials in multiple languages

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

OCTAE: Funds states/grantees to collaborate with training partners to provide workforce training, including IET programs

USCIS: Oversees work authorization

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

- » Oversees use of certain employment-related visas, which may be used for professional workers, temporary seasonal workers, and temporary seasonal agricultural workers
- » Can provide workforce training, job placement, and other services through the American Job Centers

ORR: Oversees grant programs focused on workforce development and training of refugees

CIVIC INTEGRATION

OCTAE: Funds states/grantees to provide direct instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) activities

USCIS: Provides funding to grantees to provide direct instruction to prepare for the citizenship exam

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA): Provides funding to increase digital equity and access to technology

Naturalization

USCIS

- » Funds grantees to provide citizenship preparation
- » Citizenship attainment

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)

- » Adjudicates immigration cases by interpreting and administering immigration laws
- » Conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings
- » Administers accreditation of representatives to increase the availability of immigration legal representation for low-income immigrants

Institute for Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS)

- » Supports libraries in providing accurate and useful information about immigration and citizenship benefits

Relevant Federal Websites

EOIR: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir>

ETA: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta>

IMLS: <https://www.imls.gov/our-work/partnerships/serving-new-americans>

NTIA: <https://www.ntia.gov/>

OCTAE: <https://aefla.ed.gov/>

ORR: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr>

PRM: <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-civilian-security-democracy-and-human-rights/bureau-of-population-refugees-and-migration/>

USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/>



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