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Immigration



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[UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE](#)

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The INS is the federal agency that does double duty as welcome wagon and border guard to everyone who wants to enter the United States. Its Web site is a great first stop for prospective immigrants. You'll find laws and regulations, official reports and studies, plus downloadable forms and fee charts. A new, especially helpful feature is a naturalization eligibility worksheet that helps determine the likelihood that an applicant will become a U.S. citizen.

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Siskind, Susser, Haas & Devine are attorneys who specialize in immigration and naturalization law. Their site includes a monthly newsletter with updates about these laws, which is useful since the laws tend to change frequently. Helpful links from the homepage include Siskind's Green Card Lottery Center, Siskind's Immigration Forms Center and the site's collection of government documents.

[ATLANTIC UNBOUND: IMMIGRATION](#)

★★★★

The Atlantic Monthly is among the country's oldest magazines of literary journalism and political commentary. This Web site compiles many of the publication's best articles about immigration and naturalization from this decade. Be sure to check out "One Nation, Inhospitable?" This is a roundtable discussion about the role immigration plays in America today. The site also includes links to several information resources for people considering a move to the States.

[THE VIRTUAL ELLIS ISLAND TOUR](#)

★★

Created by students at a New York middle school for other students around the world, this site follows four fictional immigrants from their departures in their respective homelands to the lines and questions at Ellis Island. Complete with audio files and diary entries written by the students, the site offers a simple history of Ellis Island procedures. A teacher's guide explains the story behind this school project.

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The American Civil Liberties Union's immigration site highlights recent court decisions and pending congressional bills that are likely to affect immigrants. Some of the briefings on immigration issues date back to 1996, but News Updates can keep you informed about immigration-related developments. A rather self-congratulatory archive of the work the ACLU has done to further the cause of immigrants' rights is also included.

[AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION](#)



The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is a national bar association of more than 5,200 attorneys who practice and teach immigration law. While much of this Web site focuses on the association itself, the About Immigration section is extremely informative and debunks several myths about immigrants.

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