**Section 114.10 Citizenship**

To be eligible for assistance, an individual shall be either a U.S. citizen or a non-citizen within specific categories and subject to the following specific restrictions:

a) Citizenship status – Persons born in the U.S., or in its possessions, are U.S. citizens. Citizenship can also be acquired by naturalization through court proceedings, or by certain persons born in a foreign country of U.S. citizen parents.

b) Non-citizens

1) The following categories of non-citizens may receive assistance, if otherwise eligible:

A) A United States veteran honorably discharged and a person on active military duty, and the spouse and unmarried dependent children of such a person;

B) Refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);

C) Asylees under section 208 of the INA;

D) Persons for whom deportation has been withheld under section 243(h) of the INA;

E) Persons granted conditional entry under section 203(a)(7) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;

F) Persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the INA including;

i) Afghani immigrants with special immigrant status under section 101(a)(27) of the INA. The five-year residency requirement set forth in subsection (b)(2) of this Section does not apply to this sub-group.

ii) Iraqi immigrants with special immigrant status under section 101(a)(27) of the INA. The five-year residency requirement set forth in subsection (b)(2) of this Section does not apply to this sub-group;

G) Parolees, for at least one year, under section 212(d)(5) of the INA;

H) Persons who are a spouse, widow or child of a U.S. citizen or a spouse or child of a legal permanent resident (LPR) who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by the U.S. citizen or LPR or a member of that relative's family who lived with them, who no longer live with the abuser or plans to live seperately within one month after receipt of assistance and whose need for assistance is due, at least in part, to the abuse; and

I) Victims of trafficking, or the minor child, spouse, parent or sibling of the trafficking victim, who have been certified by or whose status has been verified by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

2) Those persons who are in the categories set forth in subsections (b)(1)(F) and (b)(1)(G) of this Section, who enter the United States on or after August 22, 1996, shall not be eligible for five years beginning on the date the person entered the United States.

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