



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The Public Charge Test May Not Apply to You!

1. The government announced that the new Public Charge test will start on February 24, 2020.

The new public charge test will only be applied to immigration paperwork filed on or after February 24, 2020.

2. Most immigrants who are subject to the Public Charge test are not eligible for the public benefits listed in the rule.

3. The Public Charge test does not apply to all immigrants.

Green card holders, people applying to become U.S. citizens, and certain immigrant categories are not subject to the new or old test.

4. The Public Charge test does not apply to all public benefits.

For example, My Health LA, WIC, public school, school breakfast and lunch, and foster care benefits are not part of the public charge test and are safe to use.

5. The new Public Charge test does not look at any of the public benefits your child or other family members use, only the benefits you use.

6. Talk to an attorney who understands immigration law and public benefits law before stopping your benefits.

7. The new Public Charge test might not last forever.

Advocates are still trying to stop the rule in the courts.

For helpful information, visit nlsla.org/projects/public-charge-advocacy or protectingimmigrantfamilies.org