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# **HAVE YOU HEARD THERE IS A WAY TO GET A GREEN CARD IF YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE U.S. FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS?**

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## **WARNING: THIS IS A COMMON SCAM!**

The only way to potentially get a green card based on living in the United States for 10 years is if you are in deportation proceedings. This means you have to be in immigration court, before an immigration judge, and facing removal from the United States. You can ask the judge for something called “Cancellation of Removal,” but having 10 years in the United States alone is not enough to win a green card.

You must also have a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or child under age 21, and you must be able to prove they would suffer “exceptional and extremely unusual” hardship if you are not granted a green card. This is a high standard to show, and it is very hard to win a case like this.

**It is also very risky:** If you lose and are ineligible for any other immigration relief, like asylum, you could be deported. There is no way to apply for Cancellation of Removal without being in removal proceedings in immigration court.

**But don’t lose heart!** If you’ve been in the U.S. for a long time (and even if you haven’t), there may be other legal pathways for you to get a green card.

Schedule a consultation with a trusted immigration legal services provider to find out what options may be available to you. Find one today by visiting [ilrc.me/gethelp](https://ilrc.me/gethelp).

### **NOTE**

*IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS  
AND “NOTARIOS” MAY TELL  
YOU THAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR  
THIS SO THAT THEY CAN SCAM  
YOU OUT OF YOUR MONEY.*

