

RETURNING RESIDENT

A permanent resident (called lawful permanent resident or LPR) or conditional resident (CR) who has remained outside the United States for longer than one year, or beyond the validity period of a Re-entry Permit, will require a new immigrant visa to enter the United States and resume permanent residence.

Under provisions of immigration law, to qualify for returning resident status, you will need to prove to the Consular Officer that you:

1. Had the status of a lawful permanent resident at the time of departure from the U.S.;
2. Departed from the U.S. with the intention of returning and have not abandoned this intention; and
3. Are returning to the U.S. from a temporary visit abroad and, if the stay abroad was protracted, this was caused by reasons beyond your control and for which you were not responsible.

If you meet the aforementioned requirements and you are in Nicaragua, you need to submit the documentation below.

Note: This process is divided into 2 parts. In the first part, you will present the requirements below and an interview will be conducted with a consular officer. If your case is approved, request your case number and the instruction sheet for the 2nd. part.

Part I

- Valid passport used during the last trip to enter Nicaragua
- Migratory movement from the Nicaraguan offices of Immigration
- Residency card
- Complete Form DS-117: <https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds117.pdf>
- Income tax reports of last 3 years, Forms 1040
- Legal documents that proves your family ties in the United States (Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates, if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Documents that may justify your presence in Nicaragua
- Write a letter explaining the reasons of your presence and time spent in Nicaragua
- Expired re-entry permit, if applicable
- If you work for a north American company abroad, present contract or a letter from the company
- Filing fee of \$180 Dollars will be collected at the initial interview; there is no refund if your case is not approved.
- Two passport photos 2"x2"; white background, no eyewear
- Schedule an appointment with the call center:
<http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ni/ni-main-contactus.asp#contactinfo>

If you have doubts in regards of the requirements, contact the call center by email address: support-nicaragua@ustraveldocs.com