

## What is a Removal Order?

A removal order (formerly called a "deportation order") is issued when a U.S. court decides that a person is not legally allowed to stay in the United States. This can happen for different reasons, such as:

- Entering the U.S. without proper documents or a visa
- Overstaying a visa
- Committing certain crimes
- Violating immigration rules

## Can a Removal Order Be Challenged?

Yes. In many cases, a person can:

- Appeal the decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
- Ask to reopen or reconsider the case
- Apply for relief from removal, such as asylum, withholding of removal, or other protections
- But strict deadlines apply — usually within 30 days of the decision.

## What is a Final Removal Order?

A final removal order is the last step in the U.S. immigration removal (deportation) process — meaning that the person has been officially ordered to leave the United States, and no further appeals or legal actions are pending. Either:

- The person did not appeal the decision within the allowed time (usually 30 days), or
- The person appealed, but the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) or federal court confirmed the removal decision. At this point, the order becomes final.

In this case, the person is required to leave the U.S. — either voluntarily (in some cases) or by forced removal by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

- If the person does not leave, they can be arrested and physically removed.
- A removal order also usually results in a ban from returning to the U.S. for a certain period — often 5, 10, or even 20 years.

## How do I Know if I Have a Removal Order?

1. Go to [acis.eoir.justice.gov](https://acis.eoir.justice.gov)

2. Enter your A# and country of origin



Enter your A-Number

A-Number \*Required [? What's an A-Number?](#)

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Nationality \*Required [? What is Nationality?](#)

-- Select Nationality --

- AFGHANISTAN (AF)
- ALBANIA (AL)
- ALGERIA (AG)
- ANDORRA (AN)
- ANGOLA (AO)

[\(What is A#?\)](#)




3. See the top right section called Court Decision and Motion Information, information about a removal order will be entered there.

### Automated Case Information


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ | A-Number: 2111111111 | Docket Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Next Hearing Information



*There are no future hearings for this case.*

#### Court Decision and Motion Information

The immigration judge ordered **REMOVAL** 

**DECISION DATE**  
January 1, 2026

**COURT ADDRESS**  
290 BROADWAY - 15TH FLR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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**MOTION TO REOPEN, IJ JURISDICTION**  
A Motion to Reopen IJ Jurisdiction was completed on 01/01/2026. It was **DENIED.**

4. If the A# cannot be found in the system, likely, your case is not before the immigration court.

### Enter your A-Number

A-Number *\*Required* ? What's an A-Number?

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No case found for this A-Number.

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ⓘ Case information from this automated resource is provided for convenience only. Documents the immigration court or Board of Immigration Appeals issue to you or your representative are the only official determinations related to your case.



- *Alternatively, you can call a free automated phone line at (800) 898-7180 to confirm your next court date or if you were ordered to be removed.*
- *Please keep in mind that sometimes the court's automated system can experience delays. For example, if you are ordered removed on a Friday, the system might not be updated until the following week.*

# Example of an Immigration Judge Order

IMMIGRATION COURT  
26 FEDERAL PLZ, 12TH FL RM1237  
NEW YORK, NY 10278

In the Matter of  
[REDACTED]  
Respondent

Case No.: [REDACTED]  
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

This is a summary of the oral decision entered on March 13, 2018  
This memorandum is solely for the convenience of the parties. If the proceedings should be appealed or reopened, the oral decision will become the official opinion in the case.

- [ ] The respondent was ordered removed from the United States to TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO or in the alternative to .
- [ ] Respondent's application for voluntary departure was denied and respondent was ordered removed to TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO or in the alternative to .
- [ ] Respondent's application for voluntary departure was granted until upon posting a bond in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with an alternate order of removal to TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Respondent's application for:

- [ ] Asylum was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn.
- [ ] Withholding of removal was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn.
- [ ] A Waiver under Section \_\_\_\_\_ was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn.
- [ ] Cancellation of removal under section 240A(a) was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn.

Respondent's application for:

- [  ] Cancellation under section 240A(b)(1) was (  ) granted (  ) denied (  ) withdrawn. If granted, it is ordered that the respondent be issued all appropriate documents necessary to give effect to this order.
- [ ] Cancellation under section 240A(b)(2) was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn. If granted it is ordered that the respondent be issued all appropriated documents necessary to give effect to this order.
- [ ] Adjustment of Status under Section \_\_\_\_\_ was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn. If granted it is ordered that the respondent be issued all appropriated documents necessary to give effect to this order.
- [ ] Respondent's application of ( ) withholding of removal ( ) deferral of removal under Article III of the Convention Against Torture was ( ) granted ( ) denied ( ) withdrawn.
- [ ] Respondent's status was rescinded under section 246.
- [ ] Respondent is admitted to the United States as a \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] As a condition of admission, respondent is to post a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bond.
- [ ] Respondent knowingly filed a frivolous asylum application after proper notice.
- [ ] Respondent was advised of the limitation on discretionary relief for failure to appear as ordered in the Immigration Judge's oral decision.
- [ ] Proceedings were terminated.
- [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: ~~Oct 5, 2015~~  
3-13-18

[REDACTED]  
Immigration Judge

Appeal: Waived/Reserved Appeal Due By: \_\_\_\_\_