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# WHO CAN GIVE ME NON-LEGAL HELP WITH MY IMMIGRATION PAPERWORK?

The Immigration and Nationality Law Assistance Act, 4 MRSA § 807-B, says that only a lawyer or an accredited representative can give legal help with your immigration paperwork. If a person is not a lawyer or an accredited representative, they are limited to giving only non-legal help. The law explains what a person who is not a lawyer or an accredited representative CAN and CANNOT do:

## CAN

- ✓ Translate your immigration forms
- ✓ Translate your answers into English
- ✓ Transcribe your answers to an immigration form
- ✓ Help you get documents that you may need to submit with your immigration forms, such as birth and marriage certificates
- ✓ Refer you to an immigration lawyer or accredited representative

## CANNOT

- ✗ Say that they have special influence with the government that can help with your immigration case
- ✗ Provide legal help with immigration paperwork, including choosing forms, suggesting answers for forms, and filling out the form themselves
- ✗ Keep money for services not performed
- ✗ Withhold documents even if you disagree about payment
- ✗ Prepare a form but not sign their name as the preparer
- ✗ Say that they are a “notario,” “immigration consultant,” “immigration assistant,” or any other title that suggests that they can provide legal help

We are here to help you! If you know someone who is breaking the law, please help us stop them!  
File a report here: [bit.ly/3w8tYLc](https://bit.ly/3w8tYLc)

Don't pay for help! Find an immigration lawyer or accredited representative here: <https://bit.ly/3xJjwuuj>