

Citizenship and FEMA Assistance

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FEMA is committed to helping all eligible disaster survivors recover from the back-to-back severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes which struck Oklahoma April 25 to May 9 and May 19 to 28, including U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and qualified non-citizens.

To qualify for FEMA assistance, you or a member of your household must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen U.S. national or qualified non-citizen. Undocumented families with diverse immigration statuses only need one family member who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified non-citizen who has a Social Security number to apply.

If you live in Carter, Craig, Hughes, Johnston, Kay, Lincoln, Love, McClain, Murray, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Washington or Washita County, the deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is **July 31, 2024**.

If you live in Blaine, Caddo, Custer, Delaware, Jackson, Mayes, Muskogee or Rogers County, the application deadline is **August 14**.

Qualified Non-Citizens

You can apply for FEMA assistance if you are:

- A legal permanent resident (green card holder)
- An asylum-seeker, refugee or an alien whose deportation is being withheld
- A non-citizen paroled into the U.S. for at least one year for urgent humanitarian purposes
- A non-citizen granted conditional entry (per law in effect prior to April 1, 1980)
- A Cuban or Haitian entrant
- Certain aliens subjected to extreme cruelty or who have been a victim of a severe form of human trafficking, including persons with a "T" or "U" visa



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- A legal resident in accordance with the Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau

Qualified Minor Children

Adults who don't qualify under one of the categories above, including those who are undocumented, can apply on behalf of a minor child who does qualify and has a Social Security number. The child must have been under 18 when the disaster occurred, and live with the parent or guardian applying on their behalf. The parent or guardian will not have to provide any information on their own immigration status or sign any documents regarding their status.

Non-Citizen U.S. Nationals

Non-citizen U.S. nationals can apply for FEMA assistance. A non-citizen U.S. national is a person born in an outlying possession of the U.S. (such as American Samoa or Swain's Island) on or after the date the U.S. acquired the possession, or a person whose parents are U.S. non-citizen nationals. All U.S. citizens are U.S. nationals; however, not every U.S. national is a U.S. citizen.

Resources for Help

For more information in multiple languages, go to [Qualifying for FEMA Disaster Assistance: Citizenship and Immigration Status Requirements | FEMA.gov](#).

If you're unsure of your immigration status, talk to an immigration expert to learn if your status falls within the requirements for FEMA disaster assistance.

Voluntary organizations often offer help regardless of citizenship. To find voluntary organizations in Oklahoma:

- Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or go online to [RedCross.org/find-your-local-chapter](#)
- Visit [NVOAD.org](#)



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Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

To apply for FEMA assistance, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, download the [FEMA App](#) or call **800-621-3362**. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

For in-person help, visit a Disaster Recovery Center – locations and hours are available at fema.gov/drc.

For more information about the springtime Oklahoma storms and tornadoes, visit fema.gov/disaster/4776 or fema.gov/disaster/4791. Follow our social media accounts at x.com/FEMARegion6 or facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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