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- A QUICK START GUIDE TO CONDUCTING -

# IMMIGRATION EVALUATIONS



# DIFFERENT TYPES OF IMMIGRATION EVALUATIONS & WHO CAN COMPLETE THEM

TYPE OF EVALUATION	DESCRIPTION	WHO CAN COMPLETE
Naturalization waiver (N-648)	For clients seeking an exception to the English and civics testing requirements for naturalization due to a physical or developmental disability, or mental impairment.	Psychologist or medical doctor
Hardship waivers (601 & 601-A)	For applicants seeking waivers of grounds of inadmissibility. Evaluations focus on hardship to qualifying family members who are US citizens or lawful permanent residents.	Mental health professional  (Always check with you state licensing board to ensure that your license allows you to complete evaluations.)
Cancellation of removal	For clients in removal proceedings seeking relief from the immigration court.	Mental health professional  (Always check with you state licensing board to ensure that your license allows you to complete evaluations.)
Asylum	For clients who have been persecuted or fear future persecution in their country of origin.	Mental health professional  (Always check with you state licensing board to ensure that your license allows you to complete evaluations. Trauma-related experience highly recommended.)
VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)	For clients (women and men) who have suffered substantial harm and/or abuse at the hands of US Citizen or LPR spouses.	Mental health professional  (Always check with you state licensing board to ensure that your license allows you to complete evaluations. Trauma-related experience highly recommended.)
U visa	For clients who have been a victim of a qualifying crime within the USA and co-operated with the investigation.	Mental health professional  (Always check with you state licensing board to ensure that your license allows you to complete evaluations. Trauma-related experience highly recommended.)





## THE BASICS OF AN EVALUATION

All evaluations should cover the following:



### CLIENT INFORMATION

- Personal history
- Education and employment
- Medical and psychological history
- Summary and recommendations



### HARDSHIP & CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL EVALUATIONS

should also include information about impact of the petitioner if their family member is not permitted to remain in the United States.



### EVALUATIONS FOR TRAUMA-BASED CASES (ASYLUM, VAWA, AND U VISAS)

should include information about how the client was affected by the trauma.



## SET FEES FOR YOUR EVALUATIONS

- Decide whether you will be charging per evaluation or per hour
- Research fees in your area
- Fees vary widely across the country but generally range from \$600 - \$1,200



## REACH OUT TO IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS & GROUPS SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS IN YOUR AREA

- Explain your interest in helping
- Share your availability and turn-around times
- Highlight past relevant experience





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## HI! I'M CECILIA RACINE, LCSW

I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and have 18 years of experience working with immigrant families in a variety of settings and have completed over 200 immigration evaluations.

I help train other mental health professionals who want to conduct immigration evaluations.

**JOIN MY FREE IMMIGRATION EVALUATION THERAPIST FACEBOOK GROUP** for more tips, tricks, and resources you can use to integrate immigration evaluations into your practice.

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