



FACT SHEET

The Adjusted Residency for Military Service (ARMS) Act Fast Facts

- Currently, immigrants without legal status cannot enlist in the United States military. The ARMS Act would provide them the opportunity to serve and to earn legal status.
- The ARMS Act does not ensure automatic residency. Applicants must meet a set of criteria and demonstrate good moral conduct and a record of service to the United States.
- The ARMS Act requires the applicant to demonstrate at least 10 years of “good moral conduct”; five years before applying for conditional non-immigrant status and five years during the conditional status period, before they are eligible to apply for legal permanent residency status.
- The ARMS Act requires the individual to enlist in the military within nine months of applying for adjusted conditional status, and that they serve a minimum of two years on active duty, or four years in the reserves, or be honorably discharged, to be eligible for an extension of non-immigrant status and eligibility to apply for legal permanent residency status.
- The applicant’s non-immigrant status can be revoked if they do not enlist in the military within the prescribed time period, do not continue to demonstrate “good moral conduct”, become a public charge dependant on the government or receive anything other than an honorable discharge.