

Survivors Who Are Not U.S. Citizens Could Be Eligible for Disaster Assistance

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Residents of any of the designated New Jersey counties for FEMA's Individuals and Households Assistance Program – Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union counties – are encouraged to apply for assistance by going online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

Help might be available to [non-citizen nationals and qualified aliens](#). Their status will not be jeopardized by requesting disaster assistance.

A “qualified alien” generally includes:

- Individuals who are lawful permanent residents (Green Card holders).
- Asylees, refugees, or aliens whose deportation status is being withheld.
- Aliens paroled into the U.S. for at least one year.
- Aliens granted conditional entry.
- Cuban/Haitian entrants.
- Certain aliens subjected to extreme cruelty or victims of a severe form of human trafficking, including persons with a “T” or “U” visa.

A parent or guardian who isn't eligible may register for assistance on behalf of a child under age 18 who is a citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien. No information will be gathered on the adult's status.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, FEMA will assist you through the process when you call. Alternatively, you may consult with an immigration specialist, prior to calling FEMA, to inquire if your immigration status meets the criteria for qualified alien.

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