

APPLYING FOR BIA RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION

- *What is the "BIA"?*
 - "BIA" stands for Board of Immigration Appeals. It is part of the Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review, and is the appellate-level court for the immigration court system.

- *What is BIA Recognition and Accreditation?*
 - Obtaining Recognition and Accreditation allows non-lawyers to represent clients before US immigration agencies, including USCIS, ICE, and the Immigration Courts.
 - BIA Recognition is for organizations only.
 - BIA Accreditation is for individual staff of BIA Recognized organizations.

- *Who Can Apply?*
 - Non-profit religious, charitable, or social services agencies can become BIA Recognized.
 - Staff of BIA Recognized agencies can seek accreditation if they show sufficient knowledge in immigration law.

- *How to Apply for BIA Recognition and Accreditation?*
 - Information on how to apply can be found on the [EOIR website](#).
 - The NYIC offers training sessions throughout the year on how to apply for BIA R&A. Please check our [Training Calendar](#) or subscribe to our mailing list to find out about upcoming trainings.
 - Additionally, we offer three one-week BIA Recognition and Accreditation trainings each year. These trainings start with an overview of the R&A process, and provides each attendee with sufficient training to apply for accreditation.
 - Certain individual trainings and all three week-long trainings are free to staff of non-profit organizations.