

## §213.1

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### §213.1 Admission under bond or cash deposit.

The district director having jurisdiction over the intended place of residence of an alien may accept a public charge bond prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa to the alien upon receipt of a request directly from a United States consular officer or upon presentation by an interested person of a notification from the consular officer requiring such a bond. Upon acceptance of such a bond, the district director shall notify the U.S. consular officer who requested the bond, giving the date and place of acceptance and the amount of the bond. The district director having jurisdiction over the place where the examination for admission is being conducted or the special inquiry officer to whom the case is referred may exercise the authority contained in section 213 of the Act. All bonds and agreements covering cash deposits given as a condition of admission of an alien under section 213 of the Act shall be executed on Form I-352 and shall be in the sum of not less than \$1,000. The officer accepting such deposit shall give his receipt therefor on Form I-305. For procedures relating to bond riders, acceptable sureties, cancellation or breaching of bonds, see §103.6 of this chapter.

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## PART 213a—AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS

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### §213a.1 Definitions.

As used in this part, the term:

*Domicile* means the place where a sponsor has a residence, as defined in section 101(a)(33) of the Act, in the

United States, with the intention to maintain that residence for the foreseeable future, *provided*, that a permanent resident who is living abroad temporarily shall be considered to be domiciled in the United States if the permanent resident has applied for and obtained the preservation of residence benefit under section 316(b) or section 317 of the Act, *and provided further*, that a citizen who is living abroad temporarily shall be considered to be domiciled in the United States if the citizen's employment abroad meets the requirements of section 319(b)(1) of the Act.

*Federal poverty line* means the level of income equal to the poverty guidelines as issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 9902 that is applicable to a household of the size involved. For purposes of considering the Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act, the Service and Consular Posts will use the most recent income-poverty guidelines published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by the Department of Health and Human Services. These guidelines are updated annually, and the Service and Consular Posts will begin to use updated guidelines on the first day of the second month after the date the guidelines are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

*Household income* means the income used to determine whether the sponsor meets the minimum income requirements under sections 213A(f)(1)(E), 213A(f)(3), or 213A(f)(5) of the Act. It includes the sponsor's income and may also include the incomes of any individuals who either are related to the sponsor by birth, marriage, or adoption and have been living in the sponsor's residence for the previous 6 months or are lawfully listed as dependents on the sponsor's Federal income tax return for the most recent tax year, even if such dependents do not live at the same residence as the sponsor.

*Household size* means the number obtained by adding: (1) The sponsor and all persons living at the same residence with the sponsor who are related to the sponsor by birth, marriage, or adoption; (2) all persons whom the sponsor has claimed as a dependent on the sponsor's Federal income tax return for