TITLE 8 - ALIENS AND NATIONALITY
CHAPTER 12 - IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY
SUBCHAPTER II - IMMIGRATION
Part VII - Registration of Aliens

§ 1302. Registration of aliens

(a) It shall be the duty of every alien now or hereafter in the United States, who
(1) is fourteen years of age or older,
(2) has not been registered and fingerprinted under section 1201 (b) of this title or section 30 or
31 of the Alien Registration Act, 1940, and
(3) remains in the United States for thirty days or longer, to apply for registration and to be
fingerprinted before the expiration of such thirty days.

(b) It shall be the duty of every parent or legal guardian of any alien now or hereafter in the United
States, who
(1) is less than fourteen years of age,
(2) has not been registered under section 1201 (b) of this title or section 30 or 31 of the Alien
Registration Act, 1940, and
(3) remains in the United States for thirty days or longer, to apply for the registration of such
alien before the expiration of such thirty days. Whenever any alien attains his fourteenth birthday
in the United States he shall, within thirty days thereafter, apply in person for registration and to
be fingerprinted.

(c) The Attorney General may, in his discretion and on the basis of reciprocity pursuant to such
regulations as he may prescribe, waive the requirement of fingerprinting specified in subsections (a)
and (b) of this section in the case of any nonimmigrant.


References in Text
The Alien Registration Act, 1940, referred to in subssecs. (a) and (b), is act June 28, 1940, ch. 439, 54 Stat. 670, as
amended. Sections 30 and 31 of that act were classified to sections 451 and 452 of this title and were repealed by
section 403(a)(39) of act June 27, 1952.

Amendments
1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103–416 substituted “subsections (a) and (b)” for “subsection (a) and (b)”.
99–653, § 9, amended subsec. (a) of this section by striking out “section 1201 (b) of this title or” after “registered and
fingerprinted under”, Pub. L. 100–525 revised Pub. L. 99–653, § 9, so as to add subsec. (c) and eliminate the original
amendment of subsec. (a), thereby restoring the words “section 1201 (b) of this title or”. See Effective Date of 1988
Amendment note below.

Effective Date of 1994 Amendment
Amendment by Pub. L. 103–416 effective as if included in the enactment of the Immigration Act of 1990, Pub. L.
101–649, see section 219(dd) of Pub. L. 103–416, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

Effective Date of 1988 Amendment
Amendment by Pub. L. 100–525 effective as if included in the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act
Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. 99–653, see section 309(b)(15) of Pub. L. 102–232, set out as an Effective and
Effective Date of 1986 Amendment
Amendment by Pub. L. 99–653 applicable to applications for immigrant visas made, and visas issued, on or after Nov. 14, 1986, see section 23(b) of Pub. L. 99–653, set out as a note under section 1201 of this title.

Effective Date
Section effective 180 days after June 27, 1952, see section 407 of act June 27, 1952, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

Abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service and Transfer of Functions
For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.