

USCIS Ciudad Juarez Field Office No Longer Accepting Form I-601

Effective Dec. 5, 2012, applicants in Mexico may no longer file Form I-601, *Application for Waiver of Grounds of In* admissibility at the USCIS Ciudad Juarez Field Office or any associated Form I-212, *Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission* into the United States After Deportation or Removal. Applicants in Mexico must now file Form I-601 and associated Form I-212 with the USCIS <u>Phoenix Lockbox</u>.

On June 4, 2012, USCIS adopted a comprehensive change to the Form I-601 filing process for waiver applicants located outside the United States requiring that waiver filers located abroad file their waiver application with the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox. For the first 6 months of this change, through Dec. 4, 2012, USCIS made an exception allowing Form I-601 waiver applicants located in Mexico the option of filing their Form I-601 applications and any associated Forms I-212, with the USCIS Ciudad Juarez Field Office or with the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox. This exception expired on December 4, 2012.

This announcement does not affect Form I-601 filings that may be eligible for processing by a USCIS international office due to exceptional and compelling humanitarian reasons or Form I-601 filings with the Havana Field Office for waiver applicants in Cuba. For further information, please see our Exceptions for Permitting the Filing of Form I-601 policy memorandum.

For more information on filing Form I-601 for waiver applicants in Mexico, please see the USCIS updated <u>Direct Filing Addresses</u> page.

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