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## USCIS Processing Time Information for our California Service Center

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The table shown below is intended to be a tool for customers to view our processing times. When applications and petitions are completed within our target timeframes, those timeframes will be shown (example: 3 months). If we are not meeting our target timeframes a date will be shown (example: April 16, 2008).

The processing dates shown below represent the receipt dates of petitions and applications currently being processed by the USCIS Service Center. If the receipt date shown on your receipt notice is prior to the processing date shown below, you may call USCIS Customer Service at 1-800-375-5283. We encourage you to check this page periodically before inquiring about your case. The processing dates are updated monthly.

USCIS received a significant increase in the number of applications and petitions filed in fiscal year (FY) 2007. In July and August alone, nearly 2.5 million applications and petitions of all types were received. This compares to 1.2 million applications and petitions received in the same period the previous year. In FY2007, USCIS received 1.4 million applications for naturalization; nearly double the volume received the year before. In FY2008, USCIS initiated efforts to improve processes and focus increased resources, including the hiring of over 1,000 new Immigration Services Officers, to address this workload.

The surge of applications received in FY2007 did not impact USCIS offices evenly across the country; however to date, most all offices have completed the processing of cases received during the 2007 filing surge. For those offices that were hit the hardest by the surge in applications received, there is a handful that has a small percentage of cases still being worked. This has resulted in a few offices experiencing processing times that are longer than the 8-10 month national average achieved at the end of FY2008. USCIS continues to shift resources and manage its production activities to ensure that all local offices achieve the 5-month naturalization processing time goal no later than the end of FY2009.

We offer a variety of services after you file. For example, for most kinds of cases you can [check the status of your case online](#).

For more information about when and how to contact us, whether your case is outside our processing time or if there are other issues, please see our customer guide –

[Case Services - How do I... know what kind of services are available to me after I file my application or petition?](#)

Service Center Processing Dates for **California Service Center** as of: **March 31, 2009**

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing	Processing Timeframe
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<b>I-90</b>	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	Initial issuance or replacement	November 15, 2008
<b>I-102</b>	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record	Initial issuance or replacement of a Form I-94	3 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S.	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S.	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2A - Temporary workers	1 Month
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	1 Month
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	E - Treaty traders and investors	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Blanket L	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	R - Religious occupation	2 Months
<b>I-129</b>	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	2 Months
<b>I-129F</b>	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child	6 Months
<b>I-129F</b>	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-3/K-4 - Already married - spouse and/or dependent child	6 Months
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21	6 Months
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	September 22, 2003
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	September 08, 2001
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	June 08, 1999
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filing for a spouse or child under 21	October 08, 2005
<b>I-130</b>	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	November 15, 2001
<b>I-131</b>	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
<b>I-360</b>	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	6 Months
<b>I-485</b>	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	November 15, 2008
<b>I-526</b>	Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur	For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States	6 Months

<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	3 Months
<b>I-539</b>	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	3 Months
<b>I-612</b>	Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement	Application for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement based on exceptional hardship or persecution	6 Months
<b>I-751</b>	Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents)	6 Months
<b>I-765</b>	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a request by a qualified F-1 academic student. [(c)(3)]	3 Months
<b>I-765</b>	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending asylum application [(c)(8)]	4 Weeks
<b>I-765</b>	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application [(c)(9)]	3 Months
<b>I-765</b>	Application for Employment Authorization	All other applications for employment authorization	3 Months
<b>I-824</b>	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	6 Months
<b>I-829</b>	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors)	6 Months
<b>I-829</b>	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273	September 10, 1997

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