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USCIS Processing Time Information for our California Service Center

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Instructions on Using the Table

Below is a chart that shows the Form Number, Form Name and Processing Times for all of the forms that are processed at that office. (Note that not all offices process all types of applications and petitions.)

Find the particular form number (in the left column) or form name (in the center column) in which you are interested. In the right column you will find either a timeframe in months or an exact date.

If the office is processing a particular type of application in less time than our processing goal, you will see the processing times expressed in months (for example, if the office is processing naturalization applications in less than our 5 month goal, the processing time will state "Five Months"). However, if that office is taking longer than our processing goal to handle the form type in question, you will see the filing date (e.g., "April 10, 2003") of the last case we processed on the date the website chart was last updated. The charts are updated on or about the 15th day of each month.

IMPORTANT: If your receipt notice date is earlier then the processing date shown, we suggest you call our USCIS Customer Service Office at 1-800-375-5283 for assistance.

Please note that the processing times listed below for Form Number I-765 category (c)(8), based on a pending asylum application, only applies to an initial filing. The processing time for a renewal I-765 category (c)(8) is 3 Months.

Please note that the processing times listed below for the I-129 R Religious category is based on those that require a site visit. The processing time for I-129 R that has had a site visit within the last 5 years will be 2 months.

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.

Field Office Processing Dates for California Service Center as of: April 30, 2011

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing:	Processing Timeframe:
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record	Initial issuance or replacement of a Form I-94	2.5 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Blanket L	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	E - Treaty traders and investors	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S.	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S.	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2A - Temporary workers	1 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	1 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	1 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	2 Weeks
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	2 Weeks
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	R - Religious occupation	5 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	2 Months
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child	5 Months
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-3/K-4 - Already married - spouse and/or dependent child	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for a spouse or child under 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	September 27, 2007

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I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	May 7, 2010
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	June 1, 2010
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	April 25, 2007
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	5 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	Religious workers	5 Months
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	4 Months
I-526	Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur	For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States	5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	2.5 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	2.5 Months
I-612	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	4 Months
I-751	Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents	6 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on an approved asylum application [(a)(5)]	3 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a request by a qualified F-1 academic student. [(c)(3)]	3 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending asylum application [(c)(8)]	3 Weeks
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application [(c)(9)]	3 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on TPS for El Salvador [(c)(19)(a)(12)]	3 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on TPS for Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)]	3 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	All other applications for employment authorization	3 Months
I-817	Application for Family Unity Benefits	Voluntary departure under the family unity program	6 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	El Salvador extension	December 16, 2010
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	El Salvador initial or late filing	December 16, 2010
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua extension	December 16, 2010
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua initial or late filing	December 16, 2010
I-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	3 Months
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors)	6 Months
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273	September 12, 1997

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