



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### AAO Processing Times

The office that issued the unfavorable decision will first conduct an “initial field review” of the appeal. If that office does not take favorable action on the appeal, it will forward the appeal to the AAO and send the appellant a Notice of Transfer to the AAO. The initial field review should be completed within 45 days. The appellate review should be completed within six months or less from the time when we receive the appeal after initial field review. The AAO is unable to provide case status information on appeals awaiting the initial field review. Appellants may contact the USCIS [National Customer Service Center](#) line at (800) 375-5283 (the TTY number is (800) 767-1833) to inquire about a case if, within 75 days of filing an appeal, USCIS has not sent any of the following:

- An approval notice;
- A request for evidence;
- A Notice of Transfer to the AAO; or
- Any other correspondence or action from the field office.

This chart shows the average amount of time it takes to receive a decision in a particular type of case after the case file is received by the AAO. Processing times are directly related to the volume of cases received. The appellate review should be completed within six months or less from the time when we receive the appeal.

#### AAO Processing Times as of June 1, 2016

| Form Number | Case Type                                  | Time             |
|-------------|--|------------------|
| I-129CW     | CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker | 6 months or less |
| I-129F      | Petition for Fiancée                       | 6 months or less |
| I-129 H1B   | Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker   | 6 months or less |
| I-129 H2    | Temporary Nonimmigrant Worker              | 6 months or less |
| I-129 H3    | Temporary Nonimmigrant Trainee             | 6 months or less |
| I-129 L     | Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee       | 6 months or less |

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| I-129 O          | Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker                 | 6 months or less |
| I-129 P1, P2, P3 | Athletes, Artists and Entertainers                        | 6 months or less |
| I-129 Q          | Cultural Exchange Worker                                  | 6 months or less |
| I-129 R          | Nonimmigrant Religious Worker                             | 6 months or less |
| I-131            | Application for Travel Document                           | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB1        | (A) Alien with Extraordinary Ability                      | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB1        | (B) Outstanding Professor or Researcher                   | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB1        | (C) Multinational Manager or Executive                    | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB2        | (D) Advanced Degree Professional                          | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB2        | (I) National Interest Waiver                              | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB3        | (E) Skilled or Professional Worker                        | 6 months or less |
| I-140 EB3        | (G) Other Worker  | 6 months or less |
| I-212            | Application to Reapply for Admission                      | 6 months or less |
| I-352            | Bond Breach   | 6 months or less |
| I-360 EB4        | Petition for Religious Worker                             | 6 months or less |
| I-360 A          | Amerasian   | 6 months or less |
| I-360 C          | Special Immigrant Juvenile                                | 6 months or less |
| I-360 K          | Special Immigrant Afghanistan or Iraq National Translator | 6 months or less |

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| I-360 VAWA  | Violence Against Women Act Petition              | 6 months or less |
| I-360 E     | Special Immigrant Canal Zone                     | 6 months or less |
| I-360 F     | Special Immigrant Physician                      | 6 months or less |
| I-360 H     | Special Immigrant Armed Forces Member            | 6 months or less |
| I-360 G     | Special Immigrant Intl Org. Employee             | 6 months or less |
| I-360 L     | Special Immigrant Iraq National US Employee      | 6 months or less |
| I-360 M     | Special Immigrant Other                          | 6 months or less |
| I-485 LIFE  | LIFE Act Adjustment Application                  | 6 months or less |
| I-485 Dplmt | Section 13 Adjustment Application                | 6 months or less |
| I-485 T     | T Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment                   | 6 months or less |
| I-485 U     | U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment                   | 6 months or less |
| I-526 EB5   | Alien Entrepreneur                               | 6 months or less |
| I-600       | Petition for Orphan                              | 6 months or less |
| I-601       | Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility        | 6 months or less |
| I-612       | Application for 212(e) Waiver                    | 6 months or less |
| I-687       | Legalization Application for Temporary Residence | 6 months or less |
| I-690       | Legalization/SAW -Waive Grounds of Excludability | 6 months or less |
| I-698       | Legalization Adjustment Application              | 6 months or less |
| I-700       | Special Agricultural Worker                      | 6 months or less |
| I-821       | Temporary Protected Status                       | 6 months or less |
| I-800       | Convention Adoption as an Immediate Relative     | 6 months or less |

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| I-905 | Application to Issue Cert for Health Care Workers | 6 months or less |
| I-914 | Application for T Nonimmigrant Status             | 6 months or less |
| I-918 | Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status                | 6 months or less |
| I-924 | Application for Regional Center                   | 6 months or less |
| I-929 | Qualifying Family Member of a U Nonimmigrant      | 6 months or less |
| N-470 | Application to Preserve Residence                 | 6 months or less |
| N-565 | Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document   | 6 months or less |
| N-600 | Certificate of Citizenship                        | 6 months or less |
| N-643 | Certificate of Citizenship for Adopted Child      | 6 months or less |

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