



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Affirmative Asylum Scheduling Bulletin

This Bulletin explains how the Asylum Division has prioritized the adjudication of affirmative applications for asylum. On December 26, 2014, we began prioritizing asylum applications for interview scheduling as follows:

- 1.) Applications that were scheduled for an interview, but the interview had to be rescheduled at the applicant's request or the needs of USCIS;
- 2.) Applications filed by children; and
- 3.) All other pending affirmative asylum applications in the order they were received, with oldest cases scheduled first.

Generally, applicants in the first and second categories are scheduled promptly.

The table below lists how the asylum offices are currently scheduling asylum interviews for applications pending in the third category. It provides the filing dates (month and year) of most asylum applications scheduled for local interviews during that particular month. We have created this system to provide applicants in the third category an estimate for when they might expect their interview to be scheduled. The approximations provided in the table are based on interviews scheduled during the listed month and future movement will be determined by each office's caseload and resources. For example, in June 2015, the Arlington Asylum Office conducted interviews for applications filed in August 2013. It currently does not include asylum interviews occurring outside of the eight asylum offices or the Boston sub-office (e.g. interviews occurring on circuit rides). Asylum offices schedule circuit ride interviews as resources permit. Please contact the asylum office with jurisdiction over your case for more detailed information.

Please Note: The table does not include interviews for Form I-881, Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (Pursuant to Section 203 of Public Law 105-100 (NACARA)).

Interview Schedule for Affirmative Asylum Applicants in Category 3

This chart will be updated monthly. Please check back for updated information.

| If you live under the jurisdiction of... | We scheduled interviews in... | For people who filed in... |
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| Arlington, VA | October 2015 | August 2013 |
| | September 2015 | August 2013 |
| | August 2015 | August 2013 |
| Chicago, IL* | October 2015 | May 2013 |
| | September 2015 | May 2013 |
| | August 2015 | May 2013 |
| Houston, TX* | October 2015 | April – May 2014 |
| | September 2015 | April – May 2014 |
| | August 2015 | April 2014 |

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|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Los Angeles, CA* | October 2015 | August 2011 |
| | September 2015 | August 2011 |
| | August 2015 | August 2011 |
| Miami, FL* | October 2015 | February 2013 |
| | September 2015 | February 2013 |
| | August 2015 | February 2013 |
| Newark, NJ | October 2015 | May - June 2013 |
| | September 2015 | May - June 2013 |
| | August 2015 | May - June 2013 |
| New York, NY | October 2015 | Feb. – March 2014 |
| | September 2015 | February 2014 |
| | August 2015 | November 2013 |
| San Francisco, CA | October 2015 | September 2013 |
| | September 2015 | Aug. – September 2013 |
| | August 2015 | August 2013 |

* Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and Miami have been scheduling interviews in the first two categories due to high volumes in those categories as well as in the credible and reasonable fear caseloads.

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