

## Table of Changes, Instructions

### Form I-612, Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement

(Under Section 212(e)) of the INA as Amended)

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**Reason for Revision:** To incorporate 2 column/standard formatting for data collections and full page format for the instructions, I-94 information, and new signature sections.

Current Location	Current Text	Proposed Text
Page 1, Instructions	Read these instructions...	[deleted]  Full page format has been retained, but has been revised to reflect new data collection methodology.  Numbering has been changed throughout the instructions to correlate with the new form and its numbering scheme.
Page 1, What Is the Purpose of This Form?	<p><b>What Is the Purpose of This Form?</b></p> <p>To be eligible to apply for an immigrant visa or for permanent residence in the United States, or for a nonimmigrant visa as a temporary worker, certain exchange visitors (visa categories J-1 and J-2) must reside and be physically present in the country of their nationality or last foreign residence for a total of at least 2 years following departure from the United States.</p> <p>An exchange visitor is subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement if:</p> <p>His or her participation in the</p>	<p><b>What Is the Purpose of This <b>Application</b>?</b></p> <p>There is a 2-year foreign residence requirement for certain J-1 and J-2 exchange visitor visa holders. This application provides eligible visa holders the opportunity to apply for a waiver of this requirement.</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for an immigrant visa or for permanent residence in the United States, or for a nonimmigrant visa as a temporary worker under the H or L nonimmigrant category, <b>certain J-1 and J-2 exchange visitors</b> must reside and be physically present in the country of their <b>citizenship or</b> nationality or last foreign residence for at least <b>two</b> years following departure from the United States.</p> <p><b>If you are an</b> exchange visitor, <b>you are</b> subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement if:</p> <p><b>1. Your</b> participation in the exchange program</p>

	<p>exchange program was financed at any time in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by an agency of the U.S. Government or by the government of his or her country of nationality or last foreign residence; or</p> <p>Prior to issuance of an exchange visitor visa, admission as an exchange visitor without a visa, or acquisition of status as an exchange visitor, his or her country of nationality or last foreign residence was designated by the U.S. Secretary of State as clearly requiring the alien's specialized knowledge or skill; or</p> <p>He or she entered the United States as, or changed status to, an exchange visitor on or after January 10, 1977, to participate in graduate medical education or training.</p> <p>If a participant in an exchange program is subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement, his or her spouse and unmarried minor children who were admitted as exchange visitors or acquired such status after admission are also subject to this requirement. If you have any question about whether you are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement, the nearest U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office or U.S. Embassy or consulate will provide you information.</p>	<p>was financed at any time in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by an agency of the U.S. Government or by the government of your country of citizenship nationality or last foreign residence;</p> <p>2. Prior to being admitted as an exchange visitor, or acquiring such status after admission, your country of citizenship or nationality or last foreign residence was designated by the U.S. Secretary of State as clearly requiring your specialized knowledge or skill; or</p> <p>3. You were admitted as an exchange visitor or acquired such status after admission on or after January 10, 1977, to participate in graduate medical education or training.</p> <p>If you have any question about whether you, your spouse, or your children are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement, contact your responsible program officer or the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement, your J-2 spouse and unmarried minor children are also subject to this requirement.</p>
<p><b>Page 1, Who May File This Application?</b></p>	<p>This application may be submitted only by an alien who believes that compliance with the foreign residence requirement of section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act:</p>	<p><b>Who May File Form I-612?</b></p> <p>Exchange visitors (J-1), spouses (J-2) who are no longer married to the exchange visitors, or sons and daughters of the J-1 and/or the J-2, who married or who are 21 years of age or older may file this application to apply for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement of section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) based on:</p>

	<p>Would impose exceptional hardship on my U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or child; or</p> <p>By an alien who believes that returning to the country of his or her nationality or last residence would subject him or her to persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion.</p>	<p><b>1. Exceptional hardship to the exchange visitor's U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or children; or</b></p> <p><b>2. The exchange visitor's belief that returning to the country of his or her citizenship or nationality or last foreign residence would subject him or her to persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> J-2 spouses still married to the J-1 exchange visitor and unmarried children under 21 years of age may not file this children on their own behalf.</p> <p><b>Spouse or Child of Applicant</b></p> <p>If you are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement and your spouse and children were admitted as J-2 exchange visitors or acquired such status after admission, they are also subject to this requirement. To include your spouse and minor children in your waiver application, you will need to list their names, dates of birth, countries of birth, countries of citizenship or nationality, and countries of last foreign residence on your application in the space provided in <b>Part 3., Item Numbers 3.a. – 6.g.</b> If you do not include your J-2 spouse or J-2 child, your J-2 spouse or J-2 child will not receive a waiver with you and each will have to file a separate Form I-612.</p> <p>If your spouse or children is subject to the foreign residence requirement because he or she participated in an exchange program as a J-1 nonimmigrant (instead of as a J-2 nonimmigrant) he or she will need to submit a separate application.</p> <p>If your children are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement, and he or she is married or currently 21 years of age or older, he or she will need to submit a separate application for a waiver.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> In no case may the 2-year foreign residence requirement be waived unless a</p>
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	<p><b>Waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement may be authorized only under the following circumstances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The alien has a U.S citizen or permanent resident spouse or unmarried minor child and establishes in an application to USCIS that compliance with the 2-year foreign residence requirement would impose exceptional hardship on the spouse or child.</li> <li>2. The alien establishes to USCIS that returning to his or her country of nationality or last foreign residence would subject him or her to persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion.</li> <li>3. A U.S. Government agency requests the U.S. Secretary of State to recommend a waiver on the alien's behalf for the reason that compliance with the 2-year foreign residence requirement would be detrimental to a program or activity of official interest to the agency.</li> <li>4.The country of the alien's nationality or last foreign residence furnishes the U.S. Secretary of State a written statement that it has no objection to the waiver.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This waiver is not available to an alien who came to the United States on or after January 10, 1977, as an exchange visitor, or who acquired such status on or after that date in order to receive graduate medical education or training.</p>	<p>favorable recommendation is made by the Department of State's Waiver Review Division (formerly the U.S. Information Agency) to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p><b>Do not file Form I-612 with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) if you are seeking a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement based on:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. A request by an interested U.S. Government Agency (IGA);</b></li> <li><b>2. A written statement from your country of citizenship or nationality or last foreign residence that it has no objection to the waiver (also called "No Objection"); or</b></li> <li><b>3. A request from a state public health department, or its equivalent, to permit you to work as a physician in a medically underserved area (also called "Conrad Waiver Program").</b></li> </ol> <p>Information on how to apply for an IGA, No Objection, or Conrad Waiver Program can be found at the following location:  <a href="http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1296.html">http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1296.html</a>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Foreign medical physicians who acquired exchange visitor (J-1) visa status on or after January 10, 1977, for the purpose of receiving graduate medical education or training, cannot receive a No Objection Waiver.</p>
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	<p>In no case...</p> <p><b>Spouse of Applicant</b></p> <p>If your spouse...</p>	<p>[Delete]</p> <p>[Moved above.]</p>
<p><b>Page 2, General Instructions</b></p>		<p><b>General Instructions</b></p> <p>USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <a href="http://get.adobe.com/reader/">http://get.adobe.com/reader/</a>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask that we mail a form to you. If you are electronically filing this application, you must follow the instructions provided on the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/e-filing">www.uscis.gov/e-filing</a>.</p> <p><b>Signature.</b> Each application must be properly signed and filed. USCIS will not accept a typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are filing this application electronically, when authorized, USCIS will accept your signature in an electronic format. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.</p> <p><b>Filing Fee.</b> Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee and biometric services fee (if applicable). (See the What Is the Filing Fee section of these instructions.)</p> <p><b>Biometric Services Fee.</b> If you file this application with USCIS, you do not need to include a biometric services fee at the time you submit it. If you are later notified that you must submit biometrics, you will receive a biometric services appointment notice with instructions on how to submit the additional biometric services fee. If you file this application with an agency other than USCIS, please check with that agency to determine if and when you must submit biometric services fees.</p>

		<p><b>Evidence.</b> At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the <b>General Requirements</b> section of these instructions.</p> <p><b>Biometric Services Appointment.</b> USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application. After USCIS receives your application and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing, if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment. If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your application.</p> <p><b>Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center.</b> Review the ASC Acknowledgement that appears in <b>Part 5.</b> of the application. The purpose of this acknowledgement is to confirm that you have completed your application, reviewed your responses, and verified that the information was provided by you and is complete, true, and correct. If someone helped you fill out your application, that person must review the ASC Acknowledgement with you to make sure you understand it.</p> <p><b>Copies.</b> You may submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If you submit original documents when not required, those original documents may remain a part of the record, and</p>
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	<p>Step 1. How To Fill Out Form I-612</p> <p>1. Type or print legibly in black ink.</p> <p>2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, write your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any), at the top of each sheet of paper, indicate the Part and item number to which your answer refers, and date and sign each sheet.</p> <p>Answer all questions fully and accurately. If an item is not applicable or the answer is "none," leave the space blank.</p> <p>Each application must be properly signed and filed. A photocopy of a signed application or a typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p>	

		<p>applicable, select the box to indicate if someone prepared this application for you. You must also affirm that you have read and understand (or that an interpreter or preparer read to you, and you understand) the <b>Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center</b>. Further, you must sign and date your application and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p><b>5. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature.</b> If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must also certify that he or she has read <b>Part 5. Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center</b> to you in the same language in which you are fluent. The interpreter must sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p><b>6. Contact Information, Statement, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant.</b> This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter <b>and</b> your preparer, that person should complete <b>Part 6.</b> and <b>Part 7.</b> If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you prepare this application <b>MUST</b> sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. Anyone who helped you prepare your application must also certify that he or she has read <b>Part 5. Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center</b> to you, and that</p>
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		<p>you informed him or her that you understood the ASC Acknowledgement. If the person who helped you prepare the application is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she must also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application. Further, the attorney or accredited representative, and anyone who assisted in preparing your application, must sign and date the application.</p> <p><b>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application to review in the future and for your records. If you must appear for a biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC, we recommend that you review your copy of your completed application before you come to your appointment.</b> At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the application process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your application is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in good faith at that time, USCIS will require you to return for another appointment.</p>
<b>Page 2-3, Step 2. General Requirements</b>	<p>Step 2. General Requirements</p> <p>The following documents must be submitted with this application:</p> <p>1. If you check "A" in Block 5, then you must submit evidence of U.S. citizenship of your spouse or child:</p> <p>If your spouse or child is a citizen by reason of birth in the United States, submit (a) a birth certificate of the spouse or child; or (b) if a birth certificate is unobtainable, a copy of the baptismal certificate (baptism must have occurred within 2 months after birth) under seal of the church, showing the place of birth; or (c) if the birth or baptismal certificate cannot be obtained, affidavits of two U.S. citizens who have personal knowledge of the birth of your</p>	<p><b>General Requirements</b></p> <p>The following documents must be submitted with this application:</p> <p>1. <b>If you select Item Number 1. in Part 3.,</b> then you must submit evidence of U.S. citizenship <b>or lawful permanent resident status</b> of your spouse or <b>children:</b></p> <p>A. If your spouse or <b>children</b> are U.S. citizens by birth in the United States, submit <b>a birth certificate of the spouse or children. If a birth certificate is not available, you must submit a letter and supporting evidence from the appropriate state agency stating a birth certificate is not available and explain why a birth certificate is not available. Also submit:</b></p> <p><b>(1) A copy of the baptismal certificate showing that the baptism occurred within two months after birth, under the seal of the religious organization, showing the place of birth; or</b></p>

	<p>spouse or child in the United States.</p> <p>B. If your spouse or child was born outside the United States and became a citizen of the United States through a parent and has not been issued a certificate of citizenship, submit evidence of the citizenship and marriage of parent, as well as termination of any prior marriages of parent. Also submit a birth certificate of the child and a separate statement showing the dates, ports, and means of all arrivals and departures into and from the United States by the spouse or child.</p> <p>C. If the naturalization of your spouse or child occurred within 90 days immediately preceding the filing of this application, submit a copy of the naturalization certificate.</p> <p>2. If you check "A" in Block 5, then you must submit evidence of a relationship between you and your spouse or child.</p> <p>Each application must be accompanied by a certificate of marriage to the spouse and proof of legal termination of all previous marriages of the applicant and spouse. If the application is based on hardship to a child, also submit the birth certificate of the child.</p> <p>3. To support your application for a waiver: In addition to your own required statement, you may submit any documentary evidence available that you believe affects the</p>	<p>(2) If the birth or baptismal certificate cannot be obtained, affidavits of two U.S. citizens who have personal knowledge of the birth of your spouse or children in the United States.</p> <p>B. If your spouse or <b>children were</b> born outside the United States, became a <b>U.S.</b> citizen through a parent, and <b>have</b> not been issued a certificate of citizenship, <b>you must</b> submit evidence of the citizenship and marriage of <b>the</b> parent, as well as termination of any prior marriages of <b>the</b> parent. Also, <b>you must submit birth certificates</b> of the <b>children</b> and a separate statement showing the dates, <b>Ports-of-Entry</b>, and means of all arrivals into and departures from the United States by the spouse or <b>children</b>.</p> <p>C. If the naturalization of your spouse or <b>children</b> occurred within 90 days immediately <b>before you filed</b> this application, <b>you must</b> submit a copy of the naturalization certificate.</p> <p><b>D. If your spouse or children are lawful permanent residents, submit a copy of a valid I-551, Permanent Resident Card, of the spouse or children.</b></p> <p>2. If you <b>select Item Number 1. in Part 3.</b>, then you must submit evidence of the relationship between you and your spouse or <b>children</b>.</p> <p><b>You must also include</b> a certificate of marriage to the spouse and proof of legal termination of all <b>prior</b> marriages of the applicant and spouse, <b>with each application</b>. If the application is based on hardship to a child, <b>you must</b> also submit <b>his or her birth</b> certificate. <b>(If a birth certificate is not available, see Item 1.A. above.)</b></p> <p>3. To support your application for a waiver, <b>in</b> addition to your own required statement detailing the hardship or persecution that will occur if you return to your country of <b>citizenship or nationality</b> or last foreign residence, submit</p>
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	<p>exceptional hardship or persecution issues.</p> <p>4. If you are in the United States, you must submit your original temporary entry permit (Form I-94, Arrival- Departure Record) and the original entry permit of your spouse, if he or she is in the United States and not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. If the entry permit is attached to the passport, remove and submit it for this purpose. Do not submit the passport.</p> <p><i>Translations. Any document...</i></p>	<p>copies of all forms DS-2019/IAP-66, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status, for all exchange programs in which you or your spouse participated (if applicable). You may also submit any available evidence that you believe demonstrates the exceptional hardship or persecution issues raised in your statement</p> <p>4. <b>Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record.</b> If you are in the United States, you must submit a copy of your Form I-94, Arrival- Departure Record, and a copy of your spouse's Form I-94, if he or she is in the United States and not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. If the entry permit is attached to or stamped in your passport, submit a complete copy of <u>all pages in</u> your passport. Do not submit your original passport.</p> <p>If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued you a Form I-94, Arrival- Departure Record, provide your I-94 admission number and date that your authorized period of stay expires or expired (as shown on the Form I-94). The I-94 admission number is also known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, you may have been issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP, instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP Web site at <a href="http://www.cbp.gov/i94">www.cbp.gov/i94</a> to obtain a paper copy of an electronic Form I-94. CBP <b>does not</b> charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013, with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP Web site without charge. If your Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP Web site, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. USCIS <b>does</b> charge a fee for this service.</p> <p>[moved to be earlier in document]</p>
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	<i>Copies.</i> Unless specifically...	[moved to be earlier in document]
<b>Page 3, What Is the Filing Fee?</b>	<p>The filing fee for Form I-612 is <b>\$585</b>.</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-612 fee...</p> <p><b>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-612 fee.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and</li> <li>2. Make the check or money order payable to <b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS.”</p> <p><b>Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.</b> If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement.</p> <p>You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize</p>	<p>The filing fee for Form I-612 is <b>\$585</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The filing fee is not refundable regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. <b>DO NOT MAIL CASH.</b> You must submit all fees in the exact amount.</p> <p><b>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-612 filing fee.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and</li> <li>2. Make the check or money order payable to <b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS.”</p> <p><b>3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on the method of payment.</b></p> <p><b>Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.</b> If you send us a check, <b>USCIS will convert it</b> into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, <b>and your bank will show it</b> on your regular account statement.</p> <p>You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. <b>If USCIS cannot complete the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check.</b></p>

	<p>us to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.</p> <p><b>How to Check If the Fees Are Correct</b></p> <p>Form I-612 fees and biometrics services fees are current as of edition date in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, select FORMS" and check the appropriate fee; <b>or</b></li> <li>2. Telephone our National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask for the fee information. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</li> </ol>	<p><b>If USCIS cannot complete the EFT</b> because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two <b>additional</b> times.</p> <p><b>How to Check If the Fee Is Correct...</b></p> <p>Form I-612's <b>filing fee</b> is current as of edition date in the lower <b>left</b> corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify <b>that</b> the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, select "FORMS" and check the appropriate fee; <b>or</b></li> <li>2. <b>Call the USCIS</b> National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask <b>for fee</b> information. For <b>TTY (deaf or hard of hearing)</b> call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If your Form I-612 requires payment of a biometric services fee for USCIS to take your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature you can use the same procedure to obtain the correct biometric services fee.</p>
	<p>If you live in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, or West Virginia, mail your application to:</p> <p><b>USCIS Vermont Service Center</b>  <b>75 Lower Welden Street</b>  <b>St. Albans, VT 05479-0001</b></p> <p>If you live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico,</p>	<p><b>Where To File?</b></p> <p>Please see our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/I-612">www.uscis.gov/I-612</a> or call our National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> for the most current information about where to file this application. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p>

	<p>North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Texas, mail your application to:</p> <p><b>USCIS Texas Service Center P.O. Box 850965 Mesquite, TX 75185-0965</b></p> <p>If you live in Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, or Nevada, mail your application to:</p> <p><b>USCIS California Service Center I-612 Unit P.O. Box 30112 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0112</b></p> <p>If you live elsewhere in the United States, mail your application to:</p> <p><b>USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87751 Lincoln, NE 68501-7751</b></p>	
<b>Page 4, Address Changes</b>	<p>If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p>	<p><b>Address Change</b></p> <p><b>You must notify USCIS of your new address within 10 days of moving from your previous residence.</b> For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For <b>TTY (deaf or hard of hearing)</b> call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities because these facilities do not process change of address requests.</p>
<b>Page 4, Processing Information</b>	<p>Any Form I-612 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that Form I-612 is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-612. An application or petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p>Initial Processing. Once the</p>	<p><b>USCIS will reject any Form I-612 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct filing fee and will be rejected with a notice that Form I-612 is deficient.</b> You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-612. <b>An application is</b> not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p><b>Initial Processing.</b> Once <b>USCIS accepts your</b></p>

	<p>application has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness. If you do not completely fill out the form, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility, and we may deny your application.</p> <p>Requests for more information or interview. We may request more information or evidence or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copies you submit. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p> <p>Decision. The decision on Form I-612 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing</p>	<p>application, we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this application, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility, and USCIS may reject or deny your application.</p> <p><b>Requests for More Information.</b> We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your application. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. USCIS will return any requested originals when they are no longer needed.</p> <p><b>Requests for Interview.</b> We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your application. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p> <p><b>Decision.</b> The decision on Form I-612 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing or, for applications filed electronically, through an electronic notice.</p>
<b>Page 4, USCIS Forms and Information</b>	<p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>. You may also obtain forms and information by telephoning our USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p>As an alternative to waiting in line</p>	<p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this application, visit the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p>Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your</p>



	<p>for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, <b>InfoPass</b>. To access the system, visit our Web site. Use the <b>InfoPass</b> appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. <b>InfoPass</b> generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p>	<p>local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through <b>the USCIS</b> Internet-based system, <b>InfoPass</b>, at <a href="http://infopass.uscis.gov/">infopass.uscis.gov/</a>. Use the <b>InfoPass</b> appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. <b>InfoPass</b> generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p>
	<p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-612, we will deny your Form I-612, and may deny any other immigration benefit.</p> <p>In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>	<p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-612, we will deny your Form I-612, and may deny <b>your</b> other immigration <b>benefits</b>. <b>In</b> addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, Privacy Act Notice</b></p>	<p>We ask for the information on this form, and associated evidence, to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. Our legal right to ask for this information can be found in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. We may provide this information to other government agencies. Failure to provide this information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form I-612.</p>	<p><b>USCIS Privacy Act Statement</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to apply for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement. DHS will use the information you provide on this application to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.</p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE:</b> The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your application.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE USES:</b> DHS may share the information you provide on this application with other Federal, state, local, and foreign</p>



		<p>government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 – Benefits Information System, DHS-USCIS-001 – Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records], which can be found at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p>		<p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, <b>gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application.</b> Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2190; OMB No. 1615-0030. <b>Do not mail your completed Form I-612 to this address.</b></p>