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USCIS Processing Time Information for our Texas 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 Texas Service Center as of: April 30, 2009

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing	Processing Timeframe

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I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	Initial issuance or replacement	3.5 Months
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	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S.	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S.	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2A - Temporary workers	1 Month
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	1 Month
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	E - Treaty traders and investors	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Blanket L	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	R - Religious occupation	November 25, 2007
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	November 25, 2007
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Extraordinary ability	September 08, 2008
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Outstanding professor or researcher	September 08, 2008
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Multinational executive or manager	September 08, 2008
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Schedule A Nurses	September 28, 2007
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Advanced degree or exceptional ability	4 Months
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Advanced degree or exceptional ability requesting a National Interest Waiver	May 29, 2008
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Skilled worker or professional	September 28, 2007
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	Unskilled worker	September 28, 2007
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or	All other special immigrants	March 07,

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	Special Immigrant		2007
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	August 17, 2007
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Based on grant of asylum more than 1 year ago	July 31, 2008
I-526	Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur	For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States	September 27, 2008
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	April 30, 200
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	April 30, 200
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	February 26 2007
I-730	Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	Petition for accompanying family members of a refugee or an asylee	November 03 2008
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 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)]	4 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 Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)]	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	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-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	November 20 2008

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	I-829	·	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors)	April 13, 2008
	I-829	Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273	April 13, 2008
l l	N-565		U.S. citizen applying for a replacement of naturalization or citizenship certificate	5 Months

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