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As previously <u>announced</u>, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' new inflation-adjusted premium processing fees take effect today, increasing the filing fee for Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing. USCIS published a <u>final rule</u> announcing the change on Dec. 28, 2023.

The USCIS Stabilization Act established the current premium processing fees and the authority for the Department of Homeland Security to adjust the premium fees on a biennial basis. After leaving these fees unchanged for the three years following passage of the Act, DHS is now increasing the premium processing fees USCIS charges for all eligible forms and categories to reflect the amount of inflation from June 2021 through June 2023 according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The adjustment increases certain premium processing fees from \$1,500 to \$1,685, \$1,750 to \$1,965, and \$2,500 to \$2,805.

If USCIS receives a Form I-907 postmarked on or after Feb. 26, 2024, with the incorrect filing fee, we will reject the Form I-907 and return the filing fee. For filings sent by commercial courier (such as UPS, FedEx, and DHL), the postmark date is the date reflected on the courier receipt.

DHS will use the revenue generated by the premium processing fee increase to provide premium processing services; make improvements to adjudications processes; respond to adjudication demands, including reducing benefit request processing backlogs; and otherwise fund USCIS adjudication and naturalization services.

The full table of adjusted fees is:

Form	Previous Fee	New Fee
Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$1,500 (H-2B or R-1 nonimmigrant status) \$2,500 (All other available Form I- 129 classifications (E-1, E-2, E-3, H- 1B, H-3, L-1A, L-1B, LZ, O-1, O-2, P- 1, P-1S, P-2, P-2S, P-3, P-3S, Q-1, TN-1, and TN-2))	\$1,685 (H-2B or R-1 nonimmigrant status) \$2,805 (All other available Form I- 129 classifications (E-1, E-2, E-3, H- 1B, H-3, L-1A, L-1B, LZ, O-1, O-2, P- 1, P-1S, P-2, P-2S, P-3, P-3S, Q-1, TN-1, and TN-2))
Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$2,500 (Employment-based (EB) classifications E11, E12, E21 (non-NIW), E31, E32, EW3, E13 and E21 (NIW))	\$2,805 (Employment-based (EB) classifications E11, E12, E21 (non- NIW), E31, E32, EW3, E13 and E21 (NIW))
Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$1,750 (Form I-539 classifications F-1, F-2, M-1, M-2, J-1, J-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, L-2, H-4, O-3, P-4, and R-2)	\$1,965 (Form I-539 classifications F-1, F-2, M-1, M-2, J-1, J-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, L-2, H-4, O-3, P-4, and R-2)
Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization	\$1,500 (Certain F-1 students with categories C03A, C03B, C03C)	\$1,685 (Certain F-1 students with categories C03A, C03B, C03C)

You may only request premium processing for a benefit if USCIS has <u>announced on its website</u> that premium processing is available for that benefit.

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