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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.

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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
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

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Application for Travel Document

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