



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### AAO Processing Times

The AAO reports its processing times by form type, displaying the total *number* of completions for the quarter and the *percentage* completed within 180 days, which is our goal.

The administrative appeals process has two stages: initial field review and AAO appellate review.

*Initial field review:* The office that issued the unfavorable decision has 45 days to evaluate the appeal and determine whether to take favorable action on the appeal. If that office does not take favorable action, it will forward the appeal to the AAO and send the appellant a Notice of Transfer to the AAO.

*AAO appellate review:* The AAO strives to complete its appellate review within 180 days from the time it receives a complete case record after the initial field review. Some cases may take longer than 180 days due to factors beyond the AAO's control. For example, additional documentation may be needed to complete the record, or the case may be more complex and require additional review.

The following chart shows the percentage of cases the AAO completed within 180 days, by case category, during the most recent quarter of the fiscal year. These data include all AAO dispositions for the listed form types. If a case category is not listed, the AAO issued no appeal decisions for that category in the most recent quarter.

**\*\* The AAO experienced an unexpected surge of appeal filings in 2019, resulting in a number of processing delays outside of the 180 day completion goal.**

#### Timeliness of Fiscal Year 2020 Second Quarter Completions (January - March 2020)

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
<b>Cumulative total of all completions</b>		<b>56.89%</b>	<b>1933</b>
I-129CW	CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker	100%	1
I-129E2	CNMI Treaty Investor	100%	9
I-129F	Petition for Fiancée	80.95%	21
I-129H1B	Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker	56.57%	495
I-129H3	Nonimmigrant Trainee or Special Education Exchange	100%	1
I-129L	Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee	84.42%	77
I-129O	Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker	58.33%	12
I-129P	Athletes, Artists and Entertainers	33.33%	6

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
I-129R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	50%	12
I-131	Application for Travel Document	100%	1
I-140A	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	38.39%	112
I-140C	Multinational Manager or Executive	88.89%	45
I-140D	Advanced Degree Professional	90.48%	21
I-140E	Professional Worker	100%	22
I-140F	Skilled Worker	90.48%	21
I-140G	Other Worker	100%	7
I-140I	National Interest Waiver	10%	20
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	46.15%	65
I-352	Bond Breach	99.53%	212
I-360C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	23.66%	186
I-360D	Petition for Religious Worker	83.33%	6
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	35.42%	48
I-485U	U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	71.19%	59
I-526	Alien Entrepreneur	32.43%	37
I-600	Petition for Orphan	100%	3
I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	35.48%	223
I-612	Application of 212(e) Waiver	60%	5
I-687	Application for Temporary Resident Status Under Section 245A	100%	1
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident Under Section 245A	100%	2
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	35.29%	34
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	47.62%	21
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	56.26%	54
I-924	Application for Regional Center Designation	100%	1
I-924 Termination	Termination of Regional Center Designation	50%	2
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient	50%	6

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	80%	5
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	49.18%	61

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