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Instructions on Using the Table

Below is a chart that shows the Form Number, Form Name and Processing Times for all of the forms that are processed at that office. (Note that not all offices process all types of applications and petitions.)

Find the particular form number (in the left column) or form name (in the center column) in which you are interested. In the right column you will find either a timeframe in months or an exact date.

If the office is processing a particular type of application in less time than our processing goal, you will see the processing times expressed in months (for example, if the office is processing naturalization applications in less than our 5 month goal, the processing time will state "Five Months"). However, if that office is taking longer than our processing goal to handle the form type in question, you will see the filing date (e.g., "April 10, 2003") of the last case we processed on the date the website chart was last updated. The charts are updated on or about the 15th day of each month.

IMPORTANT: If your receipt notice date is earlier then the processing date shown, we suggest you call our USCIS Customer Service Office at 1-800-375-5283 for assistance.

Please note that the processing times listed below for Form Number I-765 category (c)(8), based on a pending asylum application, only applies to an initial filing. The processing time for a renewal I-765 category (c)(8) is 3 Months.

Please note that the processing times listed below for the I-129 R Religious category is based on those that require a site visit. The processing time for I-129 R that has had a site visit within the last 5 years will be 2 months.

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.

Field Office Processing Dates for California Service Center as of: August 31, 2012

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing:	Processing Timeframe:
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	Blanket L	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	E - Treaty traders and investors	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S.	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S.	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2A - Temporary workers	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process	June 4, 2012
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	R - Religious occupation	5 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	June 4, 2012
l-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child	5 Months
l-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-3/K-4 - Already married - spouse and/or dependent child	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for a spouse or child under 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21	5 Months

I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	5 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	5 Months
I-131	Application for Travel Document	Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act (HRIFA) dependent applying for advance parole	3 Months
I-131	Application for Travel Document	Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act (HRIFA) principal applying for advance parole	3 Months
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	5 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	Religious workers	5 Months
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	February 27, 2012
I-526	Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur	For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States	8 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or Macademic or vocational student categories	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or Macademic or vocational students	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	June 12, 2012
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	June 12, 2012
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)]	3 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 El Salvador [(c)(19)(a)(12)]	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	All other applications for employment authorization	3 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	El Salvador extension	March 23, 2012
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	El Salvador initial or late filing	March 23, 2012
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua extension	March 23, 2012
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua initial or late filing	March 23, 2012
I-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	3 Months
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors)	6 Months

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