



**U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services**

AAO Processing Times

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

Initial field review: During its 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.

Appellate review: The AAO strives to complete its appellate review within six months from the time it receives a complete case record after the initial field review. Some cases may take longer than six months due to factors beyond the AAO's control (for example, if the case record is incomplete); other cases may be more complex and require additional review.

The following chart shows the AAO's average processing time by case category.

AAO Processing Times as of September 1, 2016

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

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I-129 Q	Cultural Exchange Worker	6 months or less
I-129 R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	6 months or less
I-131	Application for Travel Document	6 months or less
I-140 EB1	(A) Alien with Extraordinary Ability	6 months or less
I-140 EB1	(B) Outstanding Professor or Researcher	6 months or less
I-140 EB1	(C) Multinational Manager or Executive	6 months or less
I-140 EB2	(D) Advanced Degree Professional	6 months or less
I-140 EB2	(I) National Interest Waiver	6 months or less
I-140 EB3	(E) Skilled or Professional Worker	6 months or less
I-140 EB3	(G) Other Worker	6 months or less
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	6 months or less
I-352	Bond Breach	6 months or less
I-360 EB4	Petition for Religious Worker	6 months or less
I-360 A	Amerasian	6 months or less
I-360 C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	6 months or less
I-360 K	Special Immigrant Afghanistan or Iraq National Translator	6 months or less

Form Number	Case Type	Time
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	6 months or less
I-360 E	Special Immigrant Canal Zone	6 months or less
I-360 F	Special Immigrant Physician	6 months or less
I-360 H	Special Immigrant Armed Forces Member	6 months or less
I-360 G	Special Immigrant Intl Org. Employee	6 months or less
I-360 L	Special Immigrant Iraq National US Employee	6 months or less
I-360 M	Special Immigrant Other	6 months or less
I-485 LIFE	LIFE Act Adjustment Application	6 months or less
I-485 Dplmt	Section 13 Adjustment Application	6 months or less
I-485 T	T Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	6 months or less
I-485 U	U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	6 months or less
I-526 EB5	Alien Entrepreneur	6 months or less
I-600	Petition for Orphan	6 months or less
I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	6 months or less
I-612	Application for 212(e) Waiver	6 months or less
I-687	Legalization Application for Temporary Residence	6 months or less
I-690	Legalization/SAW -Waive Grounds of Excludability	6 months or less
I-698	Legalization Adjustment Application	6 months or less
I-700	Special Agricultural Worker	6 months or less

Form Number	Case Type	Time
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	6 months or less
I-800	Convention Adoption as an Immediate Relative	6 months or less
I-905	Application to Issue Cert for Health Care Workers	6 months or less
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	6 months or less
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	6 months or less
I-924	Application for Regional Center	6 months or less
I-929	Qualifying Family Member of a U Nonimmigrant	6 months or less
N-470	Application to Preserve Residence	6 months or less
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	6 months or less
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	6 months or less
N-643	Certificate of Citizenship for Adopted Child	6 months or less

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