



USCIS Processing Time Information

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**USCIS Processing Time Information for our
California Service Center**

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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: June 30, 2011

| Form | Title | Classification or Basis for Filing: | Processing Timeframe: |
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| 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 | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | E - Treaty traders and investors | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S. | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S. | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-2A - Temporary workers | 1 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-2B - Other temporary workers | 1 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-3 - Temporary trainees | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | L - Intracompany transfers | 1 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | O - Extraordinary ability | 2 Weeks |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers | 2 Weeks |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process | 2 Months |
| 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 | 2 Months |
| I-129F | Petition for Alien Fiance(e) | K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child | 5 Months |
| I-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 filing 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 | September 27, 2007 |

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| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | Permanent resident filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21 | May 7, 2010 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21 | June 1, 2010 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister | April 25, 2007 |
| 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 | 4 Months |
| I-526 | Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur | For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States | 5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change of status to H or L dependents | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change Status to the J exchange visitor category | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | All other change of status applications | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of stay for H and L dependents | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors | 2.5 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | All other extension applications | 2.5 Months |
| I-612 | Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement | Application for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement based on exceptional hardship or persecution | 4 Months |
| 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 an approved asylum application [(a)(5)] | 3 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-817 | Application for Family Unity Benefits | Voluntary departure under the family unity program | 6 Months |
| I-821 | Application for Temporary Protected Status | El Salvador extension | 3 Months |
| I-821 | Application for Temporary Protected Status | El Salvador initial or late filing | 3 Months |
| I-821 | Application for Temporary Protected Status | Honduras and Nicaragua extension | 3 Months |
| I-821 | Application for Temporary Protected Status | Honduras and Nicaragua initial or late filing | 3 Months |
| 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 |
| I-829 | Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions | Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273 | September 12, 1997 |

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