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Instructions for Using the Chart

The chart will show most of the types of forms processed at the field office or service center. You can select the form type that applies to your case from the drop-down menu.

If the field office or service center is meeting its goal for processing a form, you will find the timeframe listed in months. For example, if the office is processing Form N-400 naturalization applications in five months or less, then the chart will say "5 months." However, if the office is experiencing a processing delay, you will find the filing date of the last case that the office completed before updating the chart.

Important Information About Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

You can now submit inquiries about the status of your Form I-765 after your case has been pending more than 75 days.

- Please note that for Form I-765 category (c)(8), based on a pending asylum application, the processing timeframes listed only apply to an initial filing.
- Please note that the 90-day period for adjudicating Form I-765 category (c)(33) filed together with Form I-821D, requesting deferred action for childhood arrivals, does not begin until we have made a decision on your request for deferred action.

Field Office Processing Dates for California Service Center as of: October 31, 2014

| 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 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 | September 20, 2010 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister | March 4, 2011 |
| I-131 | Application for Travel Document | All other applicants for advance parole | 3 Months |

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| 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-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 | August 16, 201 |
| I-601 | Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility | Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility | 4 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 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)] | September 16, 2014 |
| 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 Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)] | 3 Months |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on an approved, concurrently filed, I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (c)(33). | 90 Days |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | All other applications for employment authorization | May 5, 2014 |
| 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-821D | Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals | Request for Deferred Action | 6 Months |
| I-821D | Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals | Renewal | 4 Months |
| I-824 | Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition | To request further action on an approved application or petition | 3 Months |

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