



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

# Affirmative Asylum Scheduling Bulletin

This bulletin explains how the Asylum Division prioritizes the adjudication of affirmative applications for asylum. On December 26, 2014, we began prioritizing asylum applications for interview scheduling as follows:

- 1.) Applications that were scheduled for an interview, but the interview had to be rescheduled at the applicant's request or the needs of USCIS;
- 2.) Applications filed by children; and
- 3.) All other pending affirmative asylum applications in the order they were received, with oldest cases scheduled first.

Generally, applicants in the first and second categories are scheduled promptly.

The table below lists how the asylum offices are currently scheduling asylum interviews for applications pending in the third category. It provides the filing dates (month and year) of most asylum applications scheduled for local interviews during that particular month. We have created this system to provide applicants in the third category an estimate for when they might expect their interview to be scheduled. The approximations provided in the table are based on interviews scheduled during the listed month and future movement will be determined by each office's caseload and resources. For example, in June 2015, the Arlington Asylum Office conducted interviews for applications filed in August 2013. It currently does not include asylum interviews occurring outside of the eight asylum offices or the Boston sub-office (e.g. interviews occurring on circuit rides). Asylum offices schedule circuit ride interviews as resources permit. Please contact the asylum office with jurisdiction over your case for more detailed information.

Asylum office directors may consider applicants' requests for urgent interview scheduling outside of the prioritization categories on a case-by-case basis. Please submit any urgent interview scheduling requests in writing to the asylum office with jurisdiction over your case. Go to the [USCIS Service and Office](#) locator page for contact information.

**Please Note:** The table does not include interviews for [Form I-881, Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal \(Pursuant to Section 203 of Public Law 105-100 \(NACARA\)\)](#).

### Interview Schedule for Affirmative Asylum Applicants in Category 3

This chart will be updated monthly. Please check back each month for updated information.

If you live under the jurisdiction of...	We scheduled interviews in...	For people who filed in...
<b>Arlington, VA</b>	May 2017	March - April 2014

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If you live under the jurisdiction of...	We scheduled interviews in...	For people who filed in...
	April 2017	February - March 2014
	March 2017	January 2014
<b>Boston, MA</b>	May 2017	July - September 2013
<b>Chicago, IL</b>	May 2017	June – October 2014
	April 2017	April – August 2014
	March 2017	February – March 2014
<b>Houston, TX</b>	May 2017	May 2014
	April 2017	May 2014
	March 2017	April – May 2014
<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>	May 2017	November 2012 – May 2013
	April 2017	October 2011 – March 2013
	March 2017	August 2011 – August 2012
<b>Miami, FL</b>	May 2017	May - June 2013
	April 2017	May – June 2013
	March 2017	May – June 2013

If you live under the jurisdiction of...	We scheduled interviews in...	For people who filed in...
<b>Newark, NJ</b>	May 2017	September – October 2014
	April 2017	July – August 2014
	March 2017	May – July 2014
<b>New Orleans, LA</b>	May 2017	June 2013
<b>New York, NY</b>	May 2017	February 2015
	April 2017	January – February 2015
	March 2017	December 2014 – January 2015
<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	May 2017	March – April 2015
	April 2017	February – March 2015
	March 2017	January – February 2015

Note: The filing dates of scheduled interviews may not change every month for every office. This can occur when an office is conducting more credible and reasonable fear interviews, has a large number of category 1 and 2 affirmative asylum cases, or has a large number of pending category 3 cases with filing dates from that particular month. Some affirmative asylum interviews were scheduled outside of the above date ranges.

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