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USCIS Processing Time Information for our Vermont Service Center

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The table shown below is intended to be a tool for customers to view our processing times. When applications and petitions are completed within our target timeframes, those timeframes will be shown (example: 3 months). If we are not meeting our target timeframes a date will be shown (example: April 16, 2008).

The processing dates shown below represent the receipt dates of petitions and applications currently being processed by the USCIS Service Center. If the receipt date shown on your receipt notice is prior to the processing date shown below, you may call USCIS Customer Service at 1-800-375-5283. We encourage you to check this page periodically before inquiring about your case. The processing dates are updated monthly.

USCIS received a significant increase in the number of applications and petitions filed in fiscal year (FY) 2007. In July and August alone, nearly 2.5 million applications and petitions of all types were received. This compares to 1.2 million applications and petitions received in the same period the previous year. In FY2007, USCIS received 1.4 million applications for naturalization; nearly double the volume received the year before. In FY2008, USCIS initiated efforts to improve processes and focus increased resources, including the hiring of over 1,000 new Immigration Services Officers, to address this workload.

The surge of applications received in FY2007 did not impact USCIS offices evenly across the country; however to date, most all offices have completed the processing of cases received during the 2007 filing surge. For those offices that were hit the hardest by the surge in applications received, there is a handful that has a small percentage of cases still being worked. This has resulted in a few offices experiencing processing times that are longer than the 8-10 month national average achieved at the end of FY2008. USCIS continues to shift resources and manage its production activities to ensure that all local offices achieve the 5-month naturalization processing time goal no later than the end of FY2009.

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.

For more information about when and how to contact us, whether your case is outside our processing time or if there are other issues, please see our customer guide -

Case Services - How do I... know what kind of services are available to me after I file my application or petition?

Service Center Processing Dates for Vermont Service Center as of: February 28, 2009

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing	Processing Timeframe

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I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	Initial issuance or replacement	4 Months
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record	Initial issuance or replacement of a Form I-94	3 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	December 18, 2008
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	December 18, 2008
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Blanket L	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	2 Months
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	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	December 18, 2008
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child	6 Months
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-3/K-4 - Already married - spouse and/or dependent child	6 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21	6 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	July 02, 2006
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	June 04, 2006
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	February 25, 2001
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for a spouse or child under 21	January 18, 2006
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filling for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	June 04, 2006
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
I-212	Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or Removal	Readmission after deportation or removal	6 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	February 26, 2008

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I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	6 Months
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	July 24, 2006
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	3 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	6 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	May 04, 2008
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)]	4 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 Honduras/Nicaragua [(c) (19), (a)(12)]	October 01, 2008
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on TPS for El Salvador [(c)(19)(a)(12)]	October 01, 2008
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 initial or late filing	6 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	El Salvador extension	6 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua initial or late filing	6 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected	Honduras and Nicaragua extension	6 Months

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	Status		
	Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	6 Months
N-600	Application for Certification of Citizenship	Application for recognition of U.S. citizenship	6 Months

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