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USCIS Processing Time Information for the California Service Center

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: February 29, 2016

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing:	Processing Timeframe:
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.	September 18, 2015
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	November 17, 2015
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	May 12, 2015
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	April 25, 2012
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	May 17, 2011
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
			September 15,

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I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	2015
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	Religious workers	September 15, 2015
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	May 17, 2014
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	November 17, 2015
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	August 12, 2015
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	December 3, 2015
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	September 18, 2015
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	November 11, 2015
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	September 16, 2015
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)]	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 Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)]	September 2, 2015
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	3 Months
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua extension	November 17, 2015
I-821	Application for Temporary Protected Status	Honduras and Nicaragua initial or late filing	September 2, 2015
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	3.5 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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