



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

AAO Processing Times

The AAO reports its processing times by form type, displaying the total number of completions for the quarter and the percentage completed within 180 days, which is our goal.

The administrative appeals process has two stages: initial field review and AAO appellate review.

Initial field review: The office that issued the unfavorable decision has 45 days to evaluate the appeal and determine whether to take favorable action on the appeal. If that office does not take favorable action, it will forward the appeal to the AAO and send the appellant a Notice of Transfer to the AAO.

AAO appellate review: The AAO strives to complete its appellate review within 180 days from the time it receives a complete case record after the initial field review. Some cases may take longer than 180 days due to factors beyond the AAO's control. For example, additional documentation may be needed to complete the record, or the case may be more complex and require additional review.

The following chart shows the percentage of cases the AAO completed within 180 days, by case category, during the most recent quarter of the fiscal year. These data include all AAO dispositions for the listed form types. If a case category is not listed, the AAO issued no appeal decisions for that category in the most recent quarter.

**** The AAO experienced an unexpected surge of appeal filings in 2019, resulting in a number of processing delays outside of the 180 day completion goal.**

Timeliness of Fiscal Year 2020 Third Quarter Completions (April - June 2020)

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
Cumulative total of all completions		35.22%	1431
I-129CW	CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker	100%	3
I-129E2	CNMI Treaty Investor	100%	1
I-129F	Petition for Fiancée	78.57%	14
I-129H1B	Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker	46.56%	363
I-129HA	Temporary Agricultural Worker	100%	1
I-129L	Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee	29.27%	41
I-129O	Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker	25%	4
I-129P	Athletes, Artists and Entertainers	16.67%	6
I-129R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	36.36%	11

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Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
I-131	Application for Travel Document	50%	14
I-140A	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	8.62%	116
I-140B	Outstanding Professor	0%	6
I-140C	Multinational Manager or Executive	26.09%	23
I-140D	Advanced Degree Professional	38.46%	21
I-140E	Professional Worker	50%	24
I-140F	Skilled Worker	38.89%	18
I-140G	Other Worker	50%	4
I-140I	National Interest Waiver	30%	10
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	14.93%	67
I-352	Bond Breach	54.35%	46
I-360C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	17.86%	168
I-360D	Petition for Religious Worker	7.69%	13
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	32%	25
I-485 SEC 13	Cuban Adjustment Act	66.67%	21
I-485U	U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	43.75%	48
I-526	Alien Entrepreneur	23.81%	21
I-600	Petition for Orphan	100%	3
I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	27.98%	168
I-612	Application of 212(e) Waiver	20%	5
I-687	Application for Temporary Resident Status Under Section 245A	50%	2
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident Under Section 245A	100%	1
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	44.12%	34
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	41.18%	17
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	58.82%	34
I-924	Application for Regional Center Designation	100%	1
I-924 Denial	Denial of Regional Center Designation	100%	1
I-924 Termination	Termination of Regional Center Designation	0%	2

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Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient	50%	2
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	45.45%	11
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	41.38%	58

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