

USCIS Fee Increases and Changes

USCIS recently announced it will be increasing fees for certain immigration applications starting on April 1, 2024. Here is what you need to know!

What is happening to USCIS Fees?

- USCIS has issued a Final rule to raise certain application fees. The rule is scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2024.
- Some fees will stay the same or be decreased but most will be increased.
- Here is a chart explaining some of the common applications. Please note for some applications, the fee will decrease:

Form	What is this form used for?	Current Fee	New ONLINE Filing Fee as of 4/1/24	New MAIL Filing Fee as of 4/1/24
I-90 Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card w/ biometrics	Renew your green card	\$540	\$415	\$465
I-290B Notice of Appeal on Motion	Appeal a case	\$675	N/A	\$800
1-130 Petition for Relative	Petition relatives such as spouses, parents, children	\$535	\$625	\$675
1-131 Application for Travel Document with biometrics	Request permission to travel internationally	\$660	N/A	\$630
I-192 Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant (USCIS)	Request a waiver alongside your U Visa application	\$930	N/A	\$1,100

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I-212 Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or Removal	Request a waiver	\$930	N/A	\$1,175
I-601 Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	Request a waiver required for some green card applicants	\$930	N/A	\$1,050
I-601A Application for Provisional ULP Waiver with biometrics	Request a waiver that some green card applicants need approved before they can travel to apply for an immigrant visa	\$715	N/A	\$795
I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence with Biometrics	Petition to remove restrictions on the green cards of some spouses of US citizens	\$680	N/A	\$750
I-765 Employment Authorization Documents	Apply for a work permit	\$410	\$470	\$520
I-821D, Request for DACA (+ Form I-765)	DACA renewal application, which is filed with a request for a work permit	\$495	\$555	\$605
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, Re-Registration with Biometrics and a Work Permit *TPS initial prices vary	Apply for temporary status and a work permit	\$495	\$500	\$550
I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status with biometrics	Apply for a green card	\$1,225	N/A	\$1,440
N-400 Application for Naturalization with biometrics	Apply for citizenship	\$725	\$710	\$760

N-400 Applicants with household income below 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines with Biometrics	Apply for citizenship (for low-income applicants)	\$405	N/A	\$380
N-600 Application for Certificate of Citizenship	Request recognition of your citizenship	\$1,170	\$1,335	\$1,385

Why is USCIS making these changes?

USCIS is self funded through application fees, instead of being primarily funded by taxes. That means that if the government shuts down, USCIS can continue running. USCIS claims it lost income during the pandemic, that it needs to hire more staff & keep up with inflation.

Are all USCIS fees increasing?

- No, not all USCIS fees are increasing.
- Humanitarian applications including victims of crime (U visas), victims of trafficking (T visas), & asylum applications will continue to have no fee.

How will this affect Adjustment of Status applicants (green card applicants)?

- The final rule includes a separate fee for green card applicants who also apply for a work permit (Form I-765).
- Currently you do not have to pay for a work permit if you file along with your green card application, but now applicants will have to pay half of the regular I- 765 fee.

Can I still apply for a fee waiver?

- Yes, the same forms that are currently eligible for a fee waiver will stay the same.
- Eligibility for a fee waiver will stay the same.

Is the fee changing for a DACA renewal application?

Yes. The new fees for DACA will be \$555 if filed online or \$605 if filed via mail.

Is the fee changing for a TPS application?

- Yes, there are fee changes for TPS registration and re-registration because work permit fees will change.
- Under the new fees, all applicants regardless of age will pay the same new fees.

When will this Rule be in effect?

• The Rule will be in effect on April 1, 2024.USCIS will use the postmark date of a filing to determine the form version and fees that apply. So, if your mailing is stamped by USPS on March 30, 2024, you can pay the current fees. But anything stamped by USPS on April 1, 2024 or after, must use the new fees.