



Changes to USCIS Filing Fees

In early 2024, USCIS changed the filing fees for certain immigration and naturalization forms and also released new versions of several forms. According to USCIS, the new fees will help to cover more of its operating costs and support faster processing of new applications.

These updated fees and forms will become effective on April 1, 2024. USCIS will accept prior editions of most forms during a grace period from April 1, 2024, through June 3, 2024. But some of the new forms with revised fees will not have a grace period. For a full list of revised forms and fees, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/frequently-asked-questions-on-the-uscis-fee-rule>.

Key updates you should be aware of:

- USCIS will only accept applications or petitions with the new filing fees after April 1, 2024.
- A \$50 discount for filing an application online if online filing is available.
- Separate filing fees for work authorization and travel documents when filed with a green card application.
- New fee exemptions for certain categories, including Special Immigrant Juveniles, victims of human trafficking, U.S. military service members, and families pursuing international adoption.
- Expansion of a reduced fee for naturalization applications for individuals who can demonstrate their household income is less than or equal to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Biometric fees will no longer be charged separately (except for TPS- and EOIR-filed applications).
- Fee discounts for nonprofit organizations, small business employers, and specific applicant groups.
- A new Asylum Program Fee payable by employers filing either a Form I-129, Form I-129CW, or Form I-140.
- A change to how fast USCIS must process premium processing applications from calendar days to business days.

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We are closely monitoring the situation and encourage you to contact us at Law Offices of Timothy D. Widman at (408) 366-2801 with specific questions.