

IMMIGRATION ALERT: USCIS Increases Filing Fees

Please Deliver this Notice to the Appropriate Responsible Company Personnel

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced increased filing fees for a number of employment and family-based immigration benefit requests. The new fees will apply to all immigration applications and petitions postmarked or filed on, or after December 23, 2016.

USCIS is increasing the filing fee for nonimmigrant worker petitions (e.g. those covering H-1B, L-1, O-1, and P-1 status) from \$325 to \$460. The filing fee to sponsor a foreign national employee for employment-based permanent residence will rise from \$580 to \$700, while the fee to sponsor a foreign national family member for permanent residence is increasing from \$420 to \$535. The filing fee for permanent residence (green card) applications is set to increase from \$985 to \$1,140.

Consequently, total employment-based permanent residence filing fees will increase \$275 for an individual and \$740 for a family of four. Following is a schedule outlining the new fee structure:

Petition / Application	Current Filing Fee	New Filing Fee
I-129 Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker	\$325	\$460
I-140 Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$580	\$700
I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$985 (over age 14) \$635 (under age 14)	\$1,140 (over age 14) \$750 (under age 14)
I-539 Application to Extend / Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$290	\$370
I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	\$380	\$410
I-131 Application for Travel Document	\$360	\$575
I-130 Petition for Alien Relative	\$420	\$535
I-90 Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	\$365	\$455
I-129F Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	\$340	\$535
N-400 Application for Naturalization	\$595	\$640

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