

USCIS ANNOUNCES FEE INCREASE - EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 23, 2016

USCIS has announced that it will, for the first time in 6 years, increase the filing fees to be paid by employers and individuals when submitting applications and petitions for adjudication. USCIS has indicated that the fees increase is necessary to reflect their increased processing costs. These fee increases will go into effect December 23, 2016. The new fees for some of the most commonly submitted applications are provided below:

Form	Current Fee	New Fee
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$325	\$460
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative	\$420	\$535
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$580	\$700
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (includes filing fee for simultaneously filed I-765 Application for Employment Authorization and I-131 Application for Travel Authorization) (additional Biometrics fee remains unchanged at \$85)	\$985	\$1,140
I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$290	\$370
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Re-Entry Permit, Advance Parole, etc.)	\$360	\$575
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization	\$380	\$410
N-400, Application for Naturalization	\$595	\$640

Employers and individuals should plan accordingly, and, where possible, submit applications prior to the effective date of the fee increase.