

New Fees Effective April 30, 2004

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Bureau of the Department of Homeland Security announced on April 15, 2004 the final rule implementing fee increases for many USCIS applications and petitions as well as increases on biometric fees such as fingerprinting for certain immigration applications. The new fees average an additional \$55 per application and an additional \$20 for biometric fees. The new fees become effective April 30, 2004. Any application or petition mailed, postmarked, or otherwise filed on or after this date will require the new fee.

With the steady decline in USCIS' services, the hike in fees are clearly not welcomed. The USCIS has stated the new fees will enable the agency to prioritize customer service and improve application processing times, in addition to security during the next year. However, the general public consensus contends that the fee increases will not improve processing times or help to reduce the growing backlogs.

Please click on the following link to access the chart which outlines the new fee, the current application fee and the amount of increase per application.

| Form No. | Description | New fee | Current fee | Change |
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| I-90..... | Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card. | \$185 | \$130 | \$55 |
| I-102..... | Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record. | 155 | 100 | 55 |
| I-129..... | Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker. | 185 | 130 | 55 |
| I-129F..... | Petition for Alien Fianc[acute](e). | 165 | 110 | 55 |
| I-130..... | Petition for Alien Relative. | 185 | 130 | 55 |
| I-131..... | Application for Travel Document. | 165 | 110 | 55 |
| I-140..... | Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker. | 190 | 135 | 55 |
| I-191..... | Application for Permission to Return to an Unrelinquished Domicile. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| I-192..... | Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| I-193..... | Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| I-212..... | Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or | 250 | 195 | 55 |

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| I-360..... | Removal. Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant. | 185 | 130 | 55 |
| I-485..... | Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status. | 315 | 255 | 60 |
| I-526..... | Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur. | 465 | 400 | 65 |
| I-539..... | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status. | 195 | 140 | 55 |
| I-600/600A..... | Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative/ Application for Advance Processing or Orphan Petition. | 525 | 460 | 65 |
| I-601..... | Application for Waiver on Grounds of Excludability. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| I-612..... | Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| I-687..... | For Filing Application for Status as a Temporary Resident. | 240 | 185 | 55 |
| I-690..... | Application for Waiver of Excludability. | 90 | 35 | 55 |
| I-694..... | Notice of Appeal of Decision. | 105 | 50 | 55 |
| I-695..... | Application for Replacement Employment Authorization or Temporary Residence Card. | 65 | 15 | 50 |
| I-698..... | Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident. | 175 | 120 | 55 |
| I-751..... | Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence. | 200 | 145 | 55 |
| I-765..... | Application for Employment Authorization. | 175 | 120 | 55 |
| I-817..... | Application for Family Unity Benefits. | 195 | 140 | 55 |
| I-824..... | Application for | 195 | 140 | 55 |

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| | Action on an Approved Application or Petition. | | | |
| I-829..... | Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions. | 455 | 395 | 60 |
| I-881..... | NACARA--Suspension of Deportation or Application for Special Rule Cancellation of Removal. | 275 | 215 | 60 |
| I-914..... | Application for T Nonimmigrant Status. | 255 | 200 | 55 |
| N-300..... | Application to File Declaration of Intention. | 115 | 60 | 55 |
| N-336..... | Request for Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Procedures. | 250 | 195 | 55 |
| N-400..... | Application for Naturalization. | 320 | 260 | 60 |
| N-470..... | Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes. | 150 | 95 | 55 |
| N-565..... | Application for Replacement Naturalization Citizenship Document. | 210 | 155 | 55 |
| N-600..... | Application for Certification of Citizenship. | 240 | 185 | 55 |
| N-600K..... | Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under Section 322. | 240 | 185 | 55 |