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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is publishing a <u>federal register notice (FRN)</u> based on the H.R 1 Reconciliation Bill (H.R. 1). Applicants must submit the new fees with benefit requests postmarked on or after July 22, 2025. USCIS will reject any form postmarked on or after Aug. 21, 2025, without the proper fees.

H.R. 1 established specific fees for various immigration-related forms, benefits, statuses, petitions, applications, and requests administered by multiple government agencies. This notice announces the new fees that are administered by USCIS. USCIS will deposit and retain a portion of the revenue from some of these fees in the Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA). The remaining revenue will be deposited with the general fund of the Treasury. The FRN explains when the new fees take effect, instructions on their payment, when and if the fees may be waived, and consequences of the failure to pay. DHS must increase the fees each year based on inflation.

The new fees in this FRN are:

- A new fee of \$100 for aliens who file Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal;
- Annual Asylum Fee (AAF) of \$100 (which must be paid online) for all aliens with a pending <u>Form I-589</u> for each calendar year their application remains pending.
- A new fee for aliens who file <u>Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization</u>, for asylum, parolee, and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) categories. The categories are (a)(4), (a)(12), (c)(8), (c)(11), (c)(19), and (c)(34). The fees are:
- For initial EAD applications, \$550; and
- For renewal or extension EAD applications, \$275.

There is one exception to these fees. If an alien requests an EAD after we approve a new period of parole (reparole) by filing Form I-131, Application for Travel Documents, Parole Documents, and Arrival/Departure Records, the fee will be the lower H.R. 1 fee of \$275;

- A new Special Immigrant Juvenile fee of \$250 for any alien who files a <u>Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant</u>, as a special immigrant juvenile; and
- Increasing the maximum cost to register for TPS using <u>Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status</u>, from \$50 to \$500.

Any alien who filed or files a Form I-589 after October 1, 2024, that remains pending with USCIS for 365 days must pay the AAF is of the one-year anniversary of his or her filing date and each year thereafter that the application remains pending on such day of the calendar year. For the first time the AAF is due, aliens who file for asylum do not need to monitor the time their application has been pending and if the AAF applies to them. USCIS will issue personal notices to aliens when their annual asylum fee is due, which will include the amount of the fee, when it must be paid, how the fee must be paid, and the consequences of failing to pay. USCIS will provide guidance for future years' AAF payments in subsequent issuances.

H.R. 1 also changed validity periods for some EAD categories. For alien parolees, initial employment authorization is valid for a period of no more than one year or for the duration of the alien's parole, whichever is shorter. For aliens with TPS, initial and renewal employment authorizations are valid for no more than one year or for the duration of the alien's TPS status, whichever is shorter.

USCIS will add the fees listed in H.R. 1 to the fees in 8 CFR part 106. Each fee must be submitted separately. That means that the fees in H.R. 1 do not supersede or replace those promulgated by the USCIS Fee Rule, rather they will be charged "in addition" to current fees. If the requestor is eligible for a fee waiver for the existing fees under 8 CFR 106.3(a), he or she may submit <u>Form I-912</u>, <u>Request for Fee Waiver</u>, or a written fee waiver request, in addition to the H.R. 1 fee. The new H.R. 1 fees cannot be waived or reduced.

The FRN does not cover all the new fees required by H.R. 1. DHS will announce implementation of fees not covered in this FRN in a future action. These forms have associated fee changes that are not included in this FRN:

- Form I-131, Application for Travel Documents, Parole Documents, and Arrival/Departure Records; and
- Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document.

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