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I-945, Public Charge Bond

If we determine that an applicant is inadmissible based on the public charge ground, but is otherwise admissible, the applicant may be admitted in the discretion of the secretary of homeland security after posting a suitable and proper bond. Before an applicant may post a public charge bond (on Form I-945), we must invite them to do so. The public charge bond is posted as security for performance and fulfillment of the financial obligations of a bonded alien to the U.S. government.

For more information about public charge bonds, please see the [USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 8, Part G, Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility](#).

Forms and Document Downloads

 [Form I-945 \(PDF, 460.2 KB\)](#)

 [Instructions for Form I-945 \(PDF, 247.82 KB\)](#)

Form Details

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Edition Date

12/23/22. You can find the edition date at the bottom of the page on the form and instructions.

Dates are listed in mm/dd/yy format.

If you complete and print this form to mail it, make sure that the form edition date and page numbers are visible at the bottom of all pages and that all pages are from the same form edition. If any of the form's pages are missing or are from a different form edition, we may reject your form.

If you need help downloading and printing forms, read our [instructions](#).

Where to File



Unless otherwise specified in your notice from USCIS, mail your form to:

USCIS

Attn: Form I-945

10 Application Way

Montclair, CA 91763-1350

When to File



Only use this form if we:

- Determined you were inadmissible on the public charge grounds (INA 212(a)(4)); and
- Notified you that you may submit a public charge bond.

We will reject this form if we have not notified you that you may submit a public charge bond.

Filing Fee



You can find the filing fee for Form I-945 by visiting our [Fee Schedule](#) page.

Form Filing Tips



Filing Tips: Review our [Tips for Filing Forms by Mail](#) page for information on how to ensure we will accept your form.

Don't forget to sign your form. We will reject any unsigned form.

Special Instructions



On Sept. 18, 2026, we will publish a revised edition of Form I-945, Public Charge Bond (edition date: 09/18/26). The form has been revised to align with the recently announced [Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility](#) Final Rule. We are providing a preview version of the 09/18/26 edition of Form I-945 and its instructions because there is no grace period for accepting the revised edition of Form I-945.

If you file Form I-945, please note that:

- USCIS will accept the 12/23/22 edition of Form I-945 if it is postmarked or electronically submitted **before** Sept. 18, 2026;
- USCIS will reject the 12/23/22 edition of Form I-945 if it is postmarked or electronically submitted **on or after** Sept. 18, 2026; and
- USCIS will only accept the 09/18/26 edition of Form I-945 if it is postmarked or electronically submitted **on or after** Sept. 18, 2026.

See a preview version of the new [Form I-945](#) and [Form I-945 Instructions](#).

When you submit your Form I-945, you must:

- Include a copy of the communication from USCIS that tells you to submit the form; and
- Submit the amount specified in that communication for the required cash or surety bond.

If you do not include the communication and the specified cash or surety bond amount, we will reject your Form I-945.

Related Links



- [Public Charge](#)
- [Public Charge Resources](#)
- [Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility Final Rule 2022](#)
- [USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 8, Part G, Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility](#)

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