



USCIS to Increase Premium Processing Fees

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is publishing a [final rule](#) that will increase USCIS fees for premium processing to reflect the amount of inflation from June 2023 through June 2025.

The USCIS Stabilization Act established the authority for DHS to adjust premium processing fees every two years to account for inflation. Fees will continue to be adjusted agencywide to account for inflation and protect the real dollar value of the premium processing service we provide. The revenue generated by this fee increase will be used to provide premium processing services; make improvements to adjudication processes; respond to adjudication demands, including processing backlogs; and otherwise fund USCIS adjudication and naturalization services.

This rule is effective on March 1, 2026. If you submit a request for premium processing postmarked on or after March 1, 2026, you must include the new fee for the specific benefit you are requesting. The new fees are listed in the table below. To request premium processing, you must submit Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing, and follow the form instructions.

Form	Previous Fee	New Fee
Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, H-2B or R-1 nonimmigrant status	\$1,685	\$1,780
Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, all other available Form I-129 classifications: E-1 E-2 E-3 H-1B H-3 L-1A L-1B LZ O-1 O-2 P-1 P-1S P-2 P-2S P-3 P-3S Q-1 TN-1 TN-2	\$2,805	\$2,965

Form	Previous Fee	New Fee
Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, employment-based classifications: E11 E12 E13 E21 (NIW and non-NIW) E31 E32 EW3	\$2,805	\$2,965
Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status, requesting: F-1 F-2 J-1 J-2 M-1 M-2	\$1,965	\$2,075
Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, for certain eligible applications (OPT and STEM-OPT Classifications)	\$1,685	\$1,780

You may only request premium processing for a benefit if [announced](#) premium processing is available for that benefit.

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