

USCIS Processing Times

Progressing Toward FY 2009 Goals

In our 2007 fee rule we committed to improving service. In the months that followed we received a large surge of applications. Notwithstanding that surge, in Fiscal Year 2008 we began measuring our performance and backlog against the goals we set in the fee rule. Although we knew we could not reach them in FY 08 because of the large surge, we believed it was important to remain true to the commitments we made and we did process 1.6 million more cases that we received during the year.

In the fee rule we also set a goal for the end of FY 2009 – to reduce average processing time by an average of 20% from our goals before the fee rule. We remain committed to that goal. The table below lists our goals before the fee rule and our goals the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2009). Between them it shows our current national average active case processing time.

There are many reasons why processing times at an office or center can vary from the national average. See current case processing times at individual offices and centers in the Related Links section (in the upper right-hand corner) of this page

National Production Status			Processing Times		
			in months		
Color Key			Goals before the fee rule	Current Processing Time National Avg as of Oct 1, 2009	Goals in fee rule for EOY FY09 set before the surge
Goal unchanged					
New goal for September 30, 2009					
Where we are already meeting the new goal					
Sponsoring Relatives & Orphans	I-130	Immediate Relative	6	7.2	5
		Preference Relative *	6	7.2	5
	I-129F	Fiancee Petition	6	6.0	5
	I-600/600A	Orphan petitions	3	3.7	2.5
	I-730	Ref/Asy Relative Pet	6	9.1	5

Resident Services	Immigrant Visas		2	0.6	0.5
	I-90	Renew/Replace Perm. Res. Card	4	5.8	3.5
	I-131	Reentry Permit/Refugee travel doc	3	3.9	2.5
	I-751	Remove Conditions on Residence	6	8.0	6
	I-829	Remove conditions - investor	6	14.7	6
	N-300	Declaration of Intent	6	9.8	6
	N-470	Preserve Residence	6	8.1	6
	N-400	military naturalization	7	8.8	5
		other naturalization	7	8.8	5
	N-644	posthumous naturalization	6	3.6	3
	N-648	Disability Exception	6	5	5
	N-336	Hearing Request	6	7.1	6
	Employer & Investor Services	I-129	Temporary Worker	2	2
I-140		Imm. Petition for Worker	6	11.8	4
I-360		Immigrant Petition	6	8.1	5
I-526		Investor petition	6	6.8	5
I-905		Permission to issue health care cert	6		4
Nonimmigrant Services	I-102	Replace I94	3	4.2	2.5
	I-539	other Extend/Change Status	3	3.9	2.5
Adjustment	I-485	Asylum	6	10.5	4

	Adjustment			
	Refugee adjustment	6	10.1	4
	Cuban Adjustment Act **	6		
*Where the case priority date is within one year of immigration eligibility based on the petition				
**USCIS currently tracks one overall processing time for these adjustment of status applications, but over the course of FY09 will begin to track them individually				