



# U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

## USCIS ELIS



Beginning May 19, 2013  
 Pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee  
 Using USCIS ELIS



The USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS) is a streamlined online account-based system that enhances customer service and the quality of our processes. Through USCIS ELIS, customers can view their benefit requests, receive electronic notification of decisions, and receive real-time case status updates.

USCIS ELIS allows applicants to:

- Conveniently and securely set-up and manage their accounts;
- Electronically submit applications and supporting documents;
- Receive and respond to notices and decisions electronically;
- Make payments online; and
- Access real-time information about the status of their cases.

## Forms and Fees Available in USCIS ELIS

<p><b>USCIS Immigrant Fee</b></p>	<p>You must pay the \$165 fee online using <a href="#">USCIS ELIS</a> <b>after</b> you receive your immigrant visa package from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad (including Canada and Mexico) and <b>before</b> you depart for the United States.</p> <p>You will not receive a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) until you pay the required USCIS Immigrant Fee.</p> <p>You may pay for yourself and for members of your family who will live with you in the United States.</p> <p>Visit the <a href="#">USCIS Immigrant Fee</a> page for more information about using USCIS ELIS to pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee.</p>
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The USCIS ELIS Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status, is

**Form I-539**

used by:

- Nonimmigrants in B-1, B-2, F-1, M-1 or M-2 visa categories to extend their stay;
- Nonimmigrants who want to change their visa status to the B-1, B-2, F-1, F-2, J-1, J-2, M-1 or M-2 nonimmigrant status; and
- F and M nonimmigrants to apply for reinstatement of status.

Visit the [Form I-539 FAQ page](#) for more information about using USCIS ELIS to e-file the Form I-539.

## Start Using USCIS ELIS

After you've checked to see that you're eligible to use USCIS ELIS you can [create your account](#). Remember to read all instructions carefully.

Do you have questions about USCIS ELIS? Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

If you need more help from USCIS, visit the [Contact USCIS](#) page.

Find this page at <http://www.uscis.gov/uscis-elis>

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