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U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES FILING FEE INCREASE GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 30, 2007

File Petitions Now to Avoid Nearly Double or Triple the Cost in CIS Filing Fees for Most Case Types

As reported in previous Tindall & Foster Email Bulletins, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) published a Proposed Rule for an increase in CIS filing fees that would dramatically increase the CIS filing fees for most types of petitions and applications for immigration benefits. For many types of cases, including some of the most common types of petitions and applications, the proposed filing fees were double or triple existing fees. Despite the concerns raised by members of Congress and the immigration bar with respect to the fairness of the fee increases, the CIS has published the Final Rule implementing the proposed fee increase with little change.

Beginning July 30, 2007, CIS fees will increase approximately 100% to 200% for most filings, in accordance with the following chart listing some of the most common types of petitions and applications:

Form	Description	Current Fee	Fee on July 30
I-129	Nonimmigrant Visa Petition (e.g. H, L, O, P visa petitions)	\$190	\$320
I-130	Immediate Relative Immigrant Petition (e.g., for spouse of U.S. Citizen)	\$190	\$355
I-131	Application for Travel Document (e.g., Advance Parole, Reentry Permit)	\$170	\$305
I-140	Immigrant Visa Petition (employment-based)	\$195	\$475
I-485	Application to Adjust Status (“green card” application)	\$325	\$930
I-526	Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur (“investor visa”)	\$480	\$1,435
I-539	Application to Extend or Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$200	\$300
I-751	Petition to Remove Conditions on Permanent Residence	\$205	\$465
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	\$180	\$340
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	\$475	\$2,850
N-400	Application for Naturalization (U.S. Citizenship)	\$330	\$595