

USCIS Application and Receipting Update

Services Benefits

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) advises customers that processing of fee payments and entry of cases into our tracking system remains behind schedule due to the tremendous increase in the number of applications filed. As a result, applicants are experiencing delays in receiving notices of receipt. USCIS is working hard to deal with the increased volume.

USCIS will honor the actual date that an application was received in our mailroom; this date will be indicated on the receipt (in the Received Date box) when Form I-797, Notice of Action, is mailed. If your case is affected by the receipt delay, arrival of your receipt may take up to 12 weeks for adjustment-of-status applications and 15 weeks for naturalization and other applications.

Until this situation is resolved, USCIS will provide the following weekly updates on progress in issuing receipt notices to our customers. Additional information is available in Frequently Asked Questions, located under “Related Links” on this page. We appreciate your understanding.

IMPORTANT: If you have submitted your application and are changing your address, you need to update your address with USCIS. If you have paid by:

Check: You can report your address change from our website, using USCIS’ Change of Address Online. This requires a receipt number. Look at the back of the cancelled check that was returned to you through your bank. On the back should be the 13-digit USCIS receipt number which looks like this (but will have different letters and numbers) ABC 01 23456789 Use your 13-digit number when you are asked to input your receipt number in your change of address.

Money order: You can report your change of address by calling USCIS Customer Service toll-free at 1-800-375-5283, and a USCIS Customer Service agent will enter your new address for you.

As of **October 19, 2007**, USCIS has completed initial data entry and issued receipt notices for applications and petitions received on or before the dates indicated:

California Service Center

Form Number Date Received

I-130 8/30/2007

N-400 8/02/2007

All Other Forms 9/29/2007

Nebraska Service Center

Form Number Date Received

I-131 8/16/2007

I-140 8/16/2007

I-485 Employment
Based 8/16/2007
I-765 8/16/2007
N-400 7/29/2007
All Other Forms 8/07/2007

Texas Service Center

Form Number Date Received

I-131 8/16/2007
I-140 concurrently filed
with I-485 8/16/2007
I-485 Employment
Based * 8/16/2007
I-765 8/16/2007
N-400 7/19/2007
All Other Forms 9/29/2007

* California Service Center and Vermont Service Center are currently assisting in data entry of employment-based I-485 and related forms (I-140, I-765, and I-131) received at Texas Service Center between the dates of 7/28 and 8/8. As a result, some applicants may receive receipt notices from a service center different than the one they originally applied to.

Vermont Service Center

Form Number Date Received

I-130 7/29/2007
N-400 7/25/2007
All Other Forms 8/01/2007

USCIS Lockbox

Form Number Date Received

TPS 9/20/2007