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# **Feds proposing \$75 immigration residency fee hike**

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WASHINGTON — Federal immigration officials are proposing to increase the fees to apply for legal U.S. residency to nearly \$1,100, but would leave existing citizenship application fees intact.

The Citizenship and Immigration Services has scheduled a news conference later today to announce the fee increases. It now costs a total of \$1,010 to apply for legal residency and get required fingerprinting, and that cost would rise to \$1,085.

The agency is required by law to review its fees regularly and decide whether they are covering the cost of doing business.

The CIS had a major fee hike in the summer of 2007, helping to trigger a flood of citizenship applications that were filed in advance of the increases.