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HOUSEHOLD-SIZE CALCULATION

This is how you should calculate your household size for purposes of an [Affidavit for Support](#) for USCIS and understanding the HHS Poverty Guidelines.

WHO COUNTS AS PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

You count someone as part of your household size if that person is:

- You; Your spouse; Your child (if you are separated or divorced, only if you are applying individually, provide the name of the primary custodial parent);
- Your dependent child (if you are separated or divorced, only if you are applying individually, provide the name of the primary custodial parent);

My relative or roommate lives with me, does their income count toward my household income?

- If someone lives with you but does not meet the definition of a household member as described above, do not count that person's income as part of your household income. You should count the specific amount of any financial contribution that you receive from them only if that money was used to support your household. You include that amount in your total household income.

◦ **Example 2:** If you share an apartment with a roommate who is not paid by the room owner, your household income is your regular expenses, and you do not include the roommate's income because the roommate is not financially supporting you. Therefore, you do not include the roommate's income as part of your household income.

I receive child support, but not the full amount as listed in the court order. Do I include the full amount of the child support as additional income or financial support or only what I actually receive?

- Annotate the actual amount of child support received. If there is a difference between what is stated in a court order or documentation, provide an explanation. Examples of documents may include bank statements, copies of checks, court documents, or other documentation indicating the actual income or financial assistance you are receiving.

How marital separation affects eligibility

mortgage, lease, or utility bills that show you and your spouse live apart. Even if you
any month

How an Affidavit of Support affects eligibility

If someone filed a Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, or Form I-864, Affidavit of Support under Section 213A of the Act, for you, that person may still be responsible for supporting you. However, we will consider that person's income or assets in deciding whether you are eligible for a reduced fee only if that person is currently a member of your household.

CALCULATING INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Financial Assistance Considered Income In Fee Waiver Request

To establish the total income, a request must include any additional financial assistance (not otherwise included in a tax return or W-2) including any Social Security income (as reflected on the SSA-1099) to the adjusted gross income in the tax return.

The table below includes some types of additional financial assistance that USCIS considers household income for a fee waiver request. The requestor must provide documentation of each type of additional financial assistance that applies.

Additional Financial Assistance

- Parental support
- Child support
- Pensions
- Royalties
- Unemployment benefits
- Alimony
- Etc.

DOCUMENTING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

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In general, if a requestor provides proof of inability to pay the fee based on financial hardship, the request for fee waiver may be approved on this basis and no further information is required.

Filing Fees

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USCIS FILING FEES

*For the most up-to-date information make sure to check the **comprehensive list of fees** by viewing, Fee Schedule, [Form G-1055](#).*

[USCIS Frequently Asked Questions About Filing Fees Webpage](#)

[Form G-1055, Fee Schedule](#)

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USCIS FEE SCHEDULE - Form G-1055

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[g-1055.pdf](#)

HOW TO WRITE CHECK

How to Write Your Check

Personal checks must be preprinted with your name and your bank's name. Your address and phone number must be preprinted, typed, or written in ink.



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PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

Pay with a Credit or Debit Card

If paying by credit or debit card, you must pay each filing fee separately for each application, petition, or request you submit.

You may pay filing and any other applicable fees with a credit or debit card issued by a U.S. bank if you are filing:

- An application, petition, or request with a USCIS lockbox; or An application, petition,

There is no additional cost if you pay by credit or debit card. We cannot accept a credit or debit card issued by a foreign bank.

Acceptable Credit or Debit Cards

You may use Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and prepaid cards from the same card networks. Make sure the card's credit limit can cover the fee. We will reject your application, petition, or request if the card is declined, and we will not attempt to process your credit card payment a second time.

We do not support payment by gift cards.

How to Pay with a Card When Filing by Mail

To pay with a card, follow these two steps:

- 2. ~~Please~~ Complete the form on top of your application, petition, or request when you file it.**
Form G-1450, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions (PDF, 261.57 KB)

When filing Form G-1450 with a Lockbox or Service Center, you may split the payment for one form across multiple credit, debit, or prepaid cards that add up the correct total. Complete one Form G-1450 for each card. However, you may use only one Form G-1450 when requesting emergency advance parole from a USCIS field Office. In all cases, the credit, debit, or prepaid card must be from a financial institution located in the United States.

If we accept your filing, we will charge your card for the proper amount and destroy your Form G-1450 to protect your card information. (We will destroy it even if we reject your filing and do not process your payment.)

You will see a charge from USCIS on your credit card statement.

There is a daily transaction limit for credit cards of \$24,999.99 per credit card per day set by the Department of the Treasury. We allow an exemption to this limit of up to \$99,999.99 for H-1B registrations and petitions

submitted online using one credit card.

Security

We use the U.S. Department of the Treasury's [Pay.gov](#) Trusted Collections Service to process your credit card payment. Trusted Collections Service is a web-based application that allows government agencies to process debit or credit card payments. You cannot pay the fee directly to [Pay.gov](#).

The Department of the Treasury ensures that [Pay.gov](#) is [Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard](#) compliant. This security standard is a set of requirements designed to ensure all companies processing, storing, or transmitting credit card information maintain a secure environment.

For your security, we will destroy your Form G-1450 after processing it, regardless of whether we accept or reject your application, petition, or request.

Third-Party Payments

Anyone authorized to use a credit card may pay for your application, petition, or request. The cardholder must complete Form G-1450, sign it, and give it to you to submit with your filing.

Declined Credit Cards

If a credit card is declined, we will not attempt to process the credit card payment again. We will reject your application, petition, or request for lack of payment.

Rejection Notices

If we reject your filing, we will send you a notice explaining why we rejected it.

If you file a corrected application, petition, or request, and wish to pay again by credit card, you will need to include a new Form G-1450.

IF YOU FILE ONLINE

If you [file your form online](#), the system will guide you through the process of paying your fees with a credit, debit, or prepaid card. Bank account withdrawals are also available when paying online. Once you are ready to submit your form, the system will automatically direct you to the secure Department of the Treasury site, [pay.gov](#), to pay your fees online.

We only use [pay.gov](#) to process fees. Always check the website address before you pay. Beware of scam websites and scammers who may pretend to be a USCIS website.

IF YOU FILE BY MAIL

If you mail your form to a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may [pay your fees with a debit, credit, or prepaid card](#). To do so, follow these steps:

1. Complete and sign Form G-1450, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions
2. Mail it to the USCIS Lockbox facility

If we accept your filing, we will:

- Charge your card for the proper amount: and Destroy your Form G-1450 to protect your privacy

You will see a charge from USCIS on your card statement.

For general filing information, see the [Form Filing Tips](#) webpage

UNFUNDED OR DISHONORED PAYMENTS

“ If we approve your petition, application, or request and the payment has not been properly funded or you subsequently dispute payment of the fee, we may revoke, rescind, or cancel the approval with notice (for example, by issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke). We will not separately bill you for the unpaid fee. If you receive a Notice of Intent to Revoke, you may respond with payment of the correct fee amount.

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REFUND

When you send a payment, you agree to pay for a government service. Filing and biometric service fees are final and nonrefundable, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition, or request, or if you withdraw your request. Please refer to the form you filed for additional information, or you may call the [USCIS Contact Center](#) at 800-375-5283 (for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability: TTY 800-767-1833).

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N-400 Filing Fee

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT N-400 FILING FEE WAIVERS Checkout the Filing Fee Waiver Page or the USCIS page for it (<https://www.uscis.gov/i-912>). A Form I-912 Application for a Filing Fee Waiver is separate and distinct from the reductions discussed here. Form I-912 information is not included here. [N-400 REDUCED FEE](#)

SUMMARY OF N-400 FILING FEE

Full Filing Fee (\$710-760)

Reduced Fee (\$380)

< 400% of the HHS Poverty Guidelines [[table here](#)]

Must clearly show that your documented annual household income is less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>)

Eligibility

You can request a reduced fee if:

you file. Check the current eligible income levels based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines for this year.

NEW N-400 FILING FEE (2024)

The new fee rule is consistent with this longstanding practice, as indicated in the table below. Previously, the total cost included both an application fee (\$640) and a separate biometric services fee (\$85), for a total of \$725 for most applicants. Under the new fee rule, there is no longer a separate biometric services fee, and the total fee is \$710 for online filers or \$760 for paper filers.

The new fee rule also provides a reduced naturalization fee (\$380) for applicants with a household income at or below 400% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) (FPG), expanding eligibility for this reduced fee. Under the previous fee schedule, this reduced fee was only available to applicants with a household income between 150% and 200% of the FPG.

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N-400 REDUCED FEE

The reduced fee for Form N-400 will be \$380 as of April 1, 2024.

Note the new fee rule edition of Form N-400 incorporates in Part 10 a request for a reduced fee based on household income, eliminating the need to submit [Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee](#), which is being discontinued.

You cannot file online if you are requesting a reduced fee; you must file a paper Form N-400.

If you are applying for a reduced fee, select “Yes” in Part 10, Item Number 1, then complete Part 10, and submit \$380 and documentation to support the reduced fee.

FILING N-400 WITH REQUEST FOR REDUCED FEE


An applicant submitting a request for a fee waiver should submit Form N-400 along with Form I-912 (or a written request) and *without a fee*.

You cannot file online if you are requesting a fee waiver; you must file a paper Form N-400.

If you are applying for a fee waiver, you are not required to complete Part 10 of the Form N-400. Do not send a fee. Submit a properly completed Form I-912, or a written request for a fee waiver, and documentation to support the fee waiver request.

An applicant requesting a reduced fee with Form N-400 on or after April 1, 2024, should submit the new Form N-400 with Part 10 complete and pay the amount of the reduced fee (\$380).

If an applicant were to submit the correct reduced fee with their N-400 and also filed the Form I-912 fee waiver request, we would accept the fee and *not* adjudicate the fee waiver request.

 An applicant cannot request a reduced fee if filing an N-400 online.

How to show that your household income is greater than 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

- If your main request is treated below as 50% of the filing fee. Otherwise, applications for your not file. If you do request for an annual fee, you may file before the 400% of the fee for the 1st year. Stat. Repeals for a fee that you file. cont

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POVERTY GUIDELINES 2024

WHO COUNTS AS PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

HOUSEHOLD CALCULATION

You count someone as part of your household size if that person is:

- You; The spouse of your child's custodial parent (if you are separated or under 21 years of age);**

My relative or roommate lives with me, does their income count toward my household income?

household income. You should count the specific amount of any financial contribution that you receive from them only if that money was used to support your household. You include that amount in your total household income.

- **Example 2:** You share an apartment with a roommate who is not paid for their room and shares your household expenses, but you do not include their income because their expenses do not support the income in the household, your household income because the roommate is not financially supporting you. Therefore, you do not include the roommate's income as part of your household income.

I receive child support, but not the full amount as listed in the court order. Do I include the full amount of the child support as additional income or financial support or only what I actually receive?

- Annotate the actual amount of child support received. If there is a difference between what is stated in a court order or documentation, provide an explanation. Examples of documents may include bank statements, copies of checks, court documents, or other documentation indicating the actual income or financial assistance you are receiving.

How marital separation affects eligibility

- If you are requesting a reduced fee and base, you must provide documentation to establish that your spouse does not live with you and provides no income assistance. Acceptable documents may include a copy of the court order that formalized your legal separation, a formal notarized property settlement agreement, financial support agreement, or separate mortgage, lease, or utility bills that show you and your spouse live apart.

Common reasons why USCIS will reject reduced fee requests

- You did not provide evidence supporting your household income request is less than 400% of the English, Federal Poverty Guidelines; certified English translation. the (

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LINKS

2025 Poverty Guidelines

How to Calculate Household Size

Fee Waivers

USCIS FEE WAIVERS

- How to request a fee waiver; Which fees are waivable; Which filing fees can't ever be waived.

Three Basis for Fee Waiver

USCIS evaluates whether the requestor is unable to pay the filing fee based on the following criteria:

1. The requestor's annual income is below the poverty guidelines (FPG); or
2. The requestor's annual income is below 150 percent of the poverty guidelines (FPG); or
3. The requestor is a victim of domestic violence.

An officer must evaluate whether the requestor establishes an inability to pay under any of these three criteria.

LAW & STANDARD

See [8 CFR 106.3](#) .

See **Section D, Basis for Inability to Pay [1 USCIS-PM B.4(D)]**. See [Matter of Chawathe \(PDF\)](#) , 25 I &N Dec. 369 (AAO 2010) (identifying preponderance of the evidence as the standard for immigration benefits generally, and in that case specifically naturalization).

See [Matter of Chawathe \(PDF\)](#) , 25 I &N Dec. 369, 376 (AAO 2010) (preponderance of the evidence means more likely than not). See *U.S. v.*

Cardozo-Fonseca , 480 U.S. 421 (1987) (defining “more likely than not” as a greater than 50 percent probability of something occurring).

What Fees Are Eligible for a Fee Waiver?

The following table provides a list of forms for which USCIS may waive the fees based on a requestor’s inability to pay.

Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card ([Form I-90](#))

Application for Relief Under Former Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) ([Form I-191](#))

Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence ([Form I-751](#))

Application for Family Unity Benefits ([Form I-817](#))

Application for Temporary Protected Status ([Form I-821](#))

Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal ([Form I-881](#))

Application to File Declaration of Intention ([Form N-300](#))

Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings ([Form N-336](#))

Application for Naturalization ([Form N-400](#))

Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes ([Form N-470](#))

Application for Replacement of Naturalization/Citizenship Document ([Form N-565](#))

Application for Certificate of Citizenship ([Form N-600](#))

Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under Section 322 ([Form N-600K](#))

Conditional Fee Waivers

Certain fee waivers depend on specific conditions. The following table provides a list of forms for which USCIS may waive fees based on the requestor's inability to pay and if they meet the specified conditions.

Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker ([Form I-129CW](#)) petitioning for an E-2 CNMI investor

Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status ([Form I-539](#)), only in the case of a noncitizen applying for CW-2 nonimmigrant status

Application for Travel Document ([Form I-131](#)) for those applying for humanitarian parole

Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant ([Form I-192](#)) for an applicant who is exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility

Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa ([Form I-193](#)) for an applicant who is exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility

Notice of Appeal or Motion ([Form I-290B](#)) if the underlying benefit request was fee exempt, the fee was waived, or it was eligible for a fee waiver

Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status ([Form I-485](#)) for an applicant who is exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility

Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker, or an Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status ([Form I-539](#)) for an applicant applying for CW-2 nonimmigrant status

Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility ([Form I-601](#)) for an applicant who is exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility

Notice of Appeal of Decision Under Sections 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (

[Form I-694](#)) if the underlying application or petition was fee exempt, the filing fee was waived, or was eligible for a fee waiver

Application for Employment Authorization ([Form I-765](#)), except persons filing under category (c)(33), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

For the following forms if the applicant is exempt from public charge ground of inadmissibility under INA 212(a)(4):

- Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant (Form I-192); Application
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Humanitarian Fee Waivers

USCIS provides fee exemptions for many forms filed by certain humanitarian categories of requestors. If not otherwise exempt from paying the fee, an individual may request a fee waiver for any application or petition that is related to any of the following humanitarian categories:

- Battered spouses of A, G, E-3, or H nonimmigrants; ~~Battered spouses~~ or children of a ~~Battered spouses~~ under INA Section 240A(b)(2);

Fee Exemption vs. Fee Waiver

A fee exemption means that we do not require a fee for a form or do not require a certain category of requestors to pay the prescribed fee for a form.

You can find all current fee exemptions on our [Fee Schedule](#) page. If a fee exemption applies to you and the form you are submitting, you do not need to request a fee waiver or pay the filing fee.

A fee waiver means that we require a fee for a form but waive this requirement for an individual requestor because of their inability to pay the fee. If you request a fee waiver and show us that you are eligible, then you will not need to pay the filing fee for the associated form. However, if you request a fee waiver and we find that you are not eligible, then we may reject your fee waiver request and underlying application or petition.

Eligibility for a Fee Waiver

You can request a fee waiver if:

- The form you are filing is eligible for a fee waiver if you are eligible for the following (see our [Fee Schedule](#) page); and
 - Your household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (see the [USCIS Fee Waiver Policy](#) for more information on how to determine if you are eligible for a fee waiver).
- See the [USCIS Fee Waiver Policy](#) for more information on how to determine if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

Requesting a Fee Waiver

Complete the most current version of [Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver](#), or write a letter asking for a fee waiver and provide all the necessary information and supporting evidence to establish your eligibility under one of the three criteria listed above.

Please follow all instructions, complete all necessary sections of the forms, and submit proper documentation to avoid common rejection reasons.

Receipt of means-tested benefit

A means-tested benefit is a public benefit for which the agency granting the benefit considers your income and resources.

- The benefit may be federally, state, or locally, or tribally funded. In general, if you receive a benefit that is considered a means-tested benefit, we consider it that benefit.

Some public benefits that, for fee waiver purposes, we consider means-tested benefits include:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP);
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- Medicaid; and
- State or local public housing programs.

For a more extensive list of eligible benefits, see [USCIS Policy Manual Vol 1, Part B, Chapter 4, Fee Waivers and Fee Exemptions](#)

If you are receiving a means-tested benefit that is not well known outside of your area, please provide as much information as you can about the benefit. This may include a brochure, contact information, or the website address of the agency granting the benefit.

Some benefits that, for fee waiver purposes, we do not consider means-tested benefits include:

- Medicare; Unemployment benefits; Social Security benefits; Retirement benefits; Disability

Using a family member's means-tested benefits to qualify

- A child under 21 years of age may qualify for means-tested benefits if the parent or guardian is a fee waiver recipient. A co-applicant must also be a fee waiver recipient.

Documentation showing you are receiving a means-tested benefit

You must provide evidence that you (or your qualifying family member) are currently receiving a means-tested benefit. This evidence should be in the form of a letter, notice, or other official document that contains the required information, including:

- Your name (or the name of the family member receiving the benefit); The type of benefit

What if I am currently receiving a means-tested benefit, but my documentation does not show an expiration date?

- If the documentation does not show an expiration date, more than 12 months before the date you file Form 981, if the documentation is within 12 months of the date you should file your Form 981, while you are still receiving the benefit, provide additional evidence that shows you are currently receiving the benefit.

Does my benefit card count as evidence that I am receiving a means-tested benefit?

- Benefit cards by themselves are not acceptable evidence of a means-tested benefit, unless they contain the recipient's name, the name of the agency granting the public benefit, the type of benefit, and an indication that you or your family member currently receive the benefit (for example, the date you were granted the benefit and the date it expires or was renewed). States usually do not require applicants to return cards, without any value, after the expiration of benefits.

Household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

poverty levels for this year at [Poverty Guidelines](#). You must include the head of household income. For the fee waiver request, limited to, the head of household as shown on Form 1040 or the person that earns the most income. You can find more information about how to complete Form 1040 at <http://www.irs.gov/publications>

[calculate household size](#)

Overseas Spouse

- If you are requesting a fee waiver based on household income that is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and your spouse lives overseas and provides support to your household, include your spouse's contributions to your household in the total additional income or financial support section. If your spouse living overseas is unemployed and is supported by you, state that on the form. If your spouse lives overseas and provides no support to your household, please include a statement explaining the situation.

Lack of Stable Address

- We will consider lack of stable address when reviewing a fee waiver request. If you receive services from a homeless shelter, please include a currently dated letter from the shelter. The letter should be on the shelter's letterhead, include a statement that you receive services from the shelter, and be signed by a shelter employee attesting to your situation. If you are homeless but do not reside in a shelter, please include an affidavit from a member of good standing in your community who knows you and can support your claim that you are homeless and unable to pay the fee(s).

Determining who counts toward your household size and income

- **You count someone as part of your household size if that person is:**
 - **The biological, legal, or adoptive child (if not gone to live with you) or grandchild (if not age 21 or age 21 or older)**

My relative or roommate lives with me. Does their income
count toward my household income?

- disabled with total or partial disability to the extent that they cannot
- Example: If you have a child who is under 18 and has a disability, you would report the child's income on the child's tax return. If the child's income is more than \$1,000, you would also report the child's income on your tax return. If the child's income is less than \$1,000, you would not report the child's income on your tax return. If the child's income is more than \$1,000, you would also report the child's income on your tax return. If the child's income is less than \$1,000, you would not report the child's income on your tax return.
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I receive child support, but not the full amount as listed in the court order. Do I include the full amount of the child support as additional income or financial support or only what I actually receive?

- **Annotate the actual amount of child support received. If there is a difference between what is stated in a court order or documentation, provide an explanation. Examples of documents may include bank statements, copies of checks, court documents, or other documentation indicating the actual income or financial assistance you are receiving.**

How does my marital separation affect my eligibility for a fee waiver?

- If you are requesting a fee waiver based on income, please provide a signed statement or documentation to establish that your spouse does not live with you and provides no income assistance. Acceptable documents may include a copy of the court order that formalized your legal separation, a formal notarized property settlement agreement, financial support agreement, or separate mortgage, lease, or utility bills that show you and your spouse live apart.

Extreme Financial Hardship

Some examples of extreme financial hardship include:

- A medical emergency or illness affecting the noncitizen or the noncitizen's dependents;

How to

show that you are experiencing extreme financial hardship

- Include a detailed description of why you have extreme financial hardship on the form and provide evidence, including:
 - Documentation of income, assets, and expenses, as controlled by you and your dependents; and any other expenses for which you are responsible.
- Example of documentation that shows my extreme financial hardship:
 - []

What if I do not have access to documentation that shows my extreme financial hardship?

- If you cannot provide evidence of extraordinary circumstances, include thorough descriptions and explanation of why you need the fee waiver. Provide a copy of a public receipt, a sworn affidavit (signed and dated) if available, to support your statement in your community who knows you and can provide more insight into your current financial situation.

How requesting a fee waiver affects your current immigration status

- The receipt of public benefits in the United States by USCIS is a consideration of the fee or past receipt of public cash assistance for income maintenance and long-term institutionalization at government expense in the totality of the circumstances, taking into account the amount, duration, and recency of the receipt. Currently, you and/or past receipt of benefits alone, however, is not a sufficient basis to determine whether an applicant is likely at any time to become a public charge. **find**

detailed guidance on these issues in [Volume 8, Part G](#) of the USCIS Policy Manual. Additional information is also available on our [Public Charge Resources](#) page.

- USCIS will deny your underlying application or petition if they determine that it involves false documentation, misrepresentation of facts, or other fraud, including fraud on a fee waiver request.

COMMON REASONS WHY USCIS WILL REJECT A FEE WAIVER REQUEST

- The (other requestor) did not sign for the 9-22-20 letter not eligible for a fee, if you are You
 under 18, you meet the conditions for a fee, if you are You did not sign. indic

Financial Assistance Considered Income In Fee Waiver Request

To establish the total income, a request must include any additional financial assistance (not otherwise included in a tax return or W-2) including any Social Security income (as reflected on the SSA-1099) to the adjusted gross income in the tax return.

The table below includes some types of additional financial assistance that USCIS considers household income for a fee waiver request. The requestor must provide documentation of each type of additional financial assistance that applies.

Additional Financial Assistance

- ~~Consistent regular financial support from the institution, parents, agency~~
~~dependent on the person living in the applicant's household~~

DOCUMENTING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

	Property maintenance
	Monthly payments of lawful debts
	Tuition costs
	Commuting costs

In general, if a requestor provides proof of inability to pay the fee based on financial hardship, the request for fee waiver may be approved on this basis and no further information is required.

Provide documentary evidence of any claimed expense mentioned in your request. Show how your

documented income is spent on your documented expenses and leaves no remaining money that could be used to pay the filing fee.

WHAT IF THE REQUESTOR HAS NO INCOME?

If the requestor has no income due to unemployment, homelessness, or other factors, the requestor may provide, as applicable:

- **A detailed description of the financial situation that demonstrates eligibility for the fee waiver;**

An officer may grant a request for fee waiver in the absence of some of this

documentation, as long as the available documentation supports that the requestor is more likely than not unable to pay the fee.

VAWA, T, and U-Based Requestors

USCIS considers whether a requestor is unable to obtain proof of income due to alleged victimization such as trafficking or abuse. If not otherwise eligible for a fee exemption, the requestor should describe the situation in the [Form I-912](#) or written request to substantiate the inability to pay as well as the inability to obtain the required documentation.

The requestor should provide any available documentation, such as affidavits from religious institutions, non-profits, or other community-based organizations verifying that the requestor is currently receiving some benefit or support from that entity and attesting to the financial situation.

VAWA, T, and U-Based Requestors

Requestors seeking a fee waiver for any immigration benefit associated with or based on a pending or approved petition or application for VAWA benefits [\[28\]](#) or T or U nonimmigrant status that are not otherwise fee exempted do not need to list as household members or provide income information for the following people:

- A person who is the household member of the abuser, requester's father, or a human trafficker, or perpetrator; or

In addition, such requestors do not need to list their spouse as a household member or include their spouse's income in the fee waiver request.

If a VAWA self-petitioner or recipient [\[29\]](#) (or their derivative(s)) or applicant, petitioner, or recipient of T or U nonimmigrant status does not have any income or cannot provide proof of income, the requestor may:

- Describe the situation in detail in the fee waiver request, including affidavits from religious institutions, income profiles, or other credible sources of financial support, as well as the ability to obtain the required living expenses or support from that entity and attesting to the financial situation, if available.

Special Immigrant

Juveniles

A petitioner or recipient of Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) classification who files a fee waiver request for a filing not otherwise fee exempted does not need to provide proof of income. USCIS considers requestors in this category as part of their own household, without including any foster or group home household members.

Instead of proof of income, the fee waiver request must include documentation showing that the requestor has an approved petition for SIJ classification (for example, a copy of Notice of Action (Form I-797) for Form I-360).

Emergent Circumstance

Natural catastrophes and other extreme situations [\[link\]](#) beyond a person's control may affect the ability to pay USCIS fees. Based on the USCIS Director's authority to waive a required fee, [\[link\]](#) USCIS may designate certain time periods or events in which a person may file a fee waiver request when not otherwise eligible. [\[link\]](#)

In such cases, the requestor must still file a fee waiver request and establish eligibility under one of the criteria (generally, financial hardship). USCIS may accept the request based on the requestor's statement even if there is no documentation of the emergencies and unforeseen circumstances.

Unless otherwise eligible, requestors may only seek a fee waiver under those emergent circumstances described in the [Immigration Relief in Emergencies or Unforeseen Circumstances](#) webpage.

FEE REQUEST LINKS

Forms

- [Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver](#)

Handouts

- [Guidance on Requesting a Fee Waiver for your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization \(PDF, PDF, 159 KB\)](#)
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[HOUSEHOLD CALCULATION](#)

[HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES 2024](#)

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Immigration Fraud and Abuse

Visit [Report Fraud](#) webpage to report:

[H-1B visa violations](#)

[H-2B visa violations](#)

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[Asylum fraud](#)
[fraud](#)

[Marriage fraud](#)

[Other immigration benefit](#)

USCIS Employee Misconduct

Visit the website to [report employee violations, misconduct, or abuses](#).

General Feedback

Visit the [Feedback Opportunities](#) page to share your ideas and comments with USCIS. If you would like to notify us of a systemic operational issue, such as a pattern of potentially incorrect notices, you may contact us at public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov.

Website Errors and Feedback

If you would like to provide feedback on this uscis.gov website, you may email us at uscis.webmaster@uscis.dhs.gov. Para español, envíe un mensaje de correo electrónico a uscis.espanol-webmaster@uscis.dhs.gov.

Case Status Online

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Make eRequest

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Processing Times

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Change of Address

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Citizenship

Practice Civics Test Mobile App

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Naturalization Eligibility Tool

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Locators

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I-693 Report of Immigration Medical Examination and Vaccination Record

FORM I-693

[Form I-693, Report of Immigration Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#)

New Policy announced by USCIS on June 11, 2025

The new policy States that a medical is only valid while the underlying application is pending. If the underlying application is denied then that medical is no longer valid and cannot be used with a future application.

USCIS has rescinded its April 4, 2024 policy which stated that an I-693 submitted after November 1, 2023 would be valid indefinitely.

We are updating Volume 8 of the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify that a Form I-693, Report of Immigration Medical Examination and

Vaccination Record, signed by a civil surgeon *on or after Nov. 1, 2023*, is only valid while the application the Form I-693 was submitted with is pending. If the application a Form I-693 was submitted with is withdrawn or denied, that Form I-693 is no longer valid. This guidance is effective immediately and applies to applications pending or filed on or after June 11, 2025.