Stakeholder Message

As required by federal law, USCIS conducted a comprehensive biennial fee review and determined that current fees do not recover the full cost of providing adjudication and naturalization services. On July 31, 2020, we announced a final rule that adjusts the fees we charge for most immigration and naturalization benefit requests. The new fees become effective Oct. 2, 2020.

USCIS is primarily funded by fees for immigration and naturalization services. Fee schedule adjustments are necessary to recover the full operating costs associated with administering the nation's lawful immigration system efficiently and fairly and efficiently adjudicating immigration benefit requests, including the numerous requests and services provided without charge.

In addition to adjusting fees, the final rule removes certain fee exemptions, limits fee waivers, alters premium processing time limits, and modifies certain intercountry adoption processing.

Some of our forms will change. We will post the new and revised forms online 30 days before the new rule goes into effect. These forms include:
- Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker;
- Form I-600/I-600A, Supplement 3, Request for Action on Approved Form I-600/I-600A;
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and
- Form I-912, Request for a Fee Waiver.

We are providing a grace period of up to 60 days in which we will accept both the previous and the new versions of certain forms as long as payment of the new, correct fees accompanies the forms. Applicants and petitioners must use the new or revised form by Oct. 2, 2020.

If you need help calculating your fees, please use the online USCIS fee calculator. Our calculator will have the most up-to-date fee information and can help you determine the correct filing and biometric services fees for any form processed at a USCIS lockbox facility.

Kind regards,

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