

## US IMMIGRATION CLIENT ALERT

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### USCIS Fee Increase Effective July 30, 2007

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The final rule imposing higher filing fees for applications and petitions filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is scheduled to be published in tomorrow's Federal Register. The new fees will apply to all petitions and applications filed on or after July 30, 2007.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is slated to publish a final rule in the May 30, 2007 edition of the Federal Register that will significantly increase filing fees for applications, petitions and biometric services. The new fees will apply to all petitions and applications filed on or after July 30, 2007. The final rule is substantially the same as the proposed rule published by the USCIS in February 2007. The USCIS expects that the revenue from the increased fees will cut processing times for I-90s, I-140s, I-485s and N-400s by September 2007 and will lead to a 20 percent reduction in average processing times for all petitions and applications by September 2008.

Fee increases for selected business immigration forms from the final rule are as follows:

Form	Description	New Fee (effective July 30, 2007)	Current Fee
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card*	\$290	\$190
I-129	Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$320	\$190
I-131	Application for Travel Document	\$305	\$170
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$475	\$195
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status*	\$930 <small>(includes fee for applications for work authorization and advance parole)</small>	\$325
I-526	Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur	\$1,435	\$480
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	\$340	\$180
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions*	\$2,850	\$475
N-400	Application for Naturalization*	\$595	\$330
N/A	*Biometric Fee (required in addition to filing fee for indicated application)	\$80	\$70

The complete new fee schedule is available at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

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