

8 CFR 103.7(c)

(c) Waiver of fees. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (c), any of the fees prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section relating to applications, petitions, appeals, motions, or requests may be waived by the Department of Homeland Security in any case under its jurisdiction in which the alien or other party affected is able to substantiate that he or she is unable to pay the prescribed fee. The person seeking a fee waiver must file his or her affidavit, or unsworn declaration made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, asking for permission to prosecute without payment of fee of the application, petition, appeal, motion, or request, and stating his or her belief that he or she is entitled to or deserving of the benefit requested and the reasons for his or her inability to pay. The officer of the Department of Homeland Security having jurisdiction to render a decision on the application, petition, appeal, motion, or request may, in his or her discretion, grant the waiver of fee. Fees for "Passenger Travel Reports via Sea and Air" and for special statistical tabulations may not be waived. The payment of the additional sum prescribed by section 245(i) of the Act when applying for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Act may not be waived. The fee for Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Services, may not be waived. For provisions relating to the authority of the immigration judges or the Board to waive fees prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section in cases under their jurisdiction, see 8 CFR 1003.24 and 1003.8.

(2) Fees under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, may be waived or reduced where the Department of Homeland Security determines such action would be in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.

(3) When the prescribed fee is for services to be performed by the clerk of court under section 344(a) of the Act, the affidavit for waiver of the fee shall be filed with the district director or officer in charge of the BCIS having administrative jurisdiction over the place in which the court is located at least 7 days prior to the date the fee is required to be paid. If the waiver is granted, there shall be delivered to the clerk of court by a BCIS representative on or before the date the fee is required to be paid, a notice prepared on BCIS letterhead and signed by the officer granting the waiver, that the fee has been waived pursuant to this paragraph.

(4) Fees for applications for Temporary Protected Status may be waived pursuant to 8 CFR 244.20.

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