



**Homeland  
Security**

The Privacy Office  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528  
703-235-0780, pia@dhs.gov  
www.dhs.gov/privacy

**Privacy Threshold Analysis**  
**Version date: April 27, 2010**  
*Page 1 of 7*

**PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)**

**This form is used to determine whether  
a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.**

Please use the attached form to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required under the E-Government Act of 2002 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Please complete this form and send it to your component Privacy Office. If you do not have a component Privacy Office, please send the PTA to the DHS Privacy Office:

Rebecca J. Richards  
Director of Privacy Compliance  
The Privacy Office  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528  
Tel: 703-235-0780

PIA@dhs.gov

Upon receipt from the component Privacy Office, the DHS Privacy Office will review this form. If a PIA is required, the DHS Privacy Office will send you a copy of the Official Privacy Impact Assessment Guide and accompanying Template to complete and return.

A copy of the Guide and Template is available on the DHS Privacy Office website, [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy), on DHSConnect and directly from the DHS Privacy Office via email: [pia@dhs.gov](mailto:pia@dhs.gov), phone: 703-235-0780.



## PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**DATE submitted for review: October 14, 2010**

**NAME of Project: Form I-485, and Supplements A and E, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status.**

**Name of Component: US Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**Name of Project Manager: Essie Bell**

**Email for Project Manager: [essie.bell@dhs.gov](mailto:essie.bell@dhs.gov)**

**Phone number for Project Manager: 202-272-8035**

**TYPE of Project:**

- Information Technology and/or System.\*
- A Notice of Proposed Rule Making or a Final Rule.
- Form or other Information Collection.

**Other: <Please describe the type of project including paper based Privacy Act system of records.>**

---

\* The E-Government Act of 2002 defines these terms by reference to the definition sections of Titles 40 and 44 of the United States Code. The following is a summary of those definitions:

- “Information Technology” means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. See 40 U.S.C. § 11101(6).

- “Information System” means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information. See: 44. U.S.C. § 3502(8).

Note: for purposes of this form, there is no distinction made between national security systems or technologies/systems managed by contractors. All technologies/systems should be initially reviewed for potential privacy impact.



## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

**1. Describe the project and its purpose:**

Form I-485, and Supplements A and E will be used by USCIS to determine the applicant's eligibility to adjust status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

**2. Status of Project:**

This is a new development effort.

This is an existing project.

Date first developed:

Date last updated: 8/28/2009

<Please provide a general description of the update.>

**3. Could the project relate in any way to an individual?<sup>1</sup>**

No. Please skip ahead to the next question.

Yes. Please provide a general description, below.

Yes the information requested relate to the applicant.

**4. Do you collect, process, or retain information on: (Please check all that apply)**

DHS Employees.

Contractors working on behalf of DHS.

The Public.

The System does not contain any such information.

---

<sup>1</sup> Projects can relate to individuals in a number of ways. For example, a project may include a camera for the purpose of watching a physical location. Individuals may walk past the camera and images of those individuals may be recorded. Projects could also relate to individuals in more subtle ways. For example, a project that is focused on detecting radioactivity levels may be sensitive enough to detect whether an individual received chemotherapy.



**5. Do you use or collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs)? (This includes truncated SSNs)**

No.

Yes. Why does the program collect SSNs? Provide the function of the SSN and the legal authority to do so:

The Social Security Number for this form is entered into the automated system CLAIMS 3. The Social Security Number in conjunction with other information is used to verify the identity of the applicant and to determine the applicant's eligibility for lawful permanent resident status. The authorities for this collection are Section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality 8 USC §1202 and 8 Section 103.2 of Code of Federal Regulations.

**6. What information about individuals could be collected, generated or retained?**

Name, Address, Date of Birth, Alien Registration Number, and Telephone Number.

**7. If this project is a technology/system, does it relate solely to infrastructure? [For example, is the system a Local Area Network (LAN) or Wide Area Network (WAN)]?**

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. Is there a log kept of communication traffic?

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. What type of data is recorded in the log? (Please choose all that apply.)

Header.

Payload Please describe the data that is logged.

<Please list the data elements in the log.>

**8. Does the system connect, receive, or share Personally Identifiable Information with any other DHS systems<sup>2</sup>?**

No.

Yes.

---

<sup>2</sup> PII may be shared, received, or connected to other DHS systems directly, automatically, or by manual processes. Often, these systems are listed as "interconnected systems" in TAFISMA.



Please list:

**9. Is there a Certification & Accreditation record within OCIO's FISMA tracking system?**

Unknown.

No.

Yes. Please indicate the determinations for each of the following:

Confidentiality:     Low    Moderate    High    Undefined

Integrity:         Low    Moderate    High    Undefined

Availability:      Low    Moderate    High    Undefined



**PRIVACY THRESHOLD REVIEW**  
**(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DHS PRIVACY OFFICE)**

**DATE reviewed by the DHS Privacy Office: October 27, 2010**

**NAME of the DHS Privacy Office Reviewer: Rebecca J. Richards**

**DESIGNATION**

**This is NOT a Privacy Sensitive System** – the system contains no Personally Identifiable Information.

**This IS a Privacy Sensitive System**

**Category of System**

- IT System.
- National Security System.
- Legacy System.
- HR System.
- Rule.
- Other: Information Collection Form

**Determination**

- PTA sufficient at this time.
- Privacy compliance documentation determination in progress.
- PIA is not required at this time.
- PIA is required.
  - System covered by existing PIA: CLAIMS 3 PIA
  - New PIA is required.
  - PIA update is required.
- SORN not required at this time.
- SORN is required.
  - System covered by existing SORN: DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System
  - New SORN is required.

**DHS PRIVACY OFFICE COMMENTS**



**Homeland  
Security**

The Privacy Office  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528  
703-235-0780, pia@dhs.gov  
www.dhs.gov/privacy

**Privacy Threshold Analysis**

**Version date: April 27, 2010**

*Page 7 of 7*

Please work with the USCIS Privacy Office to review and revise the Privacy Act e(3) statement on this form.