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Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Instructions for Form I-212, Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission Into the United States After Deportation or Removal

Instructions

Submit application in duplicate.

What Is the Purpose of This Form?

An alien who is inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(A) or (C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) files Form I-212 to obtain the" consent to reapply for admission" that is required before the alien can lawfully return to the United States. "Consent to reapply" is also called "permission to reapply."

Why Do I Need This Form?

Returning unlawfully, including returning without admission and returning without obtaining consent to reapply, may have consequences.

If you are required to obtain consent to reapply but you enter without it, your removal order could be reinstated (INA section 241(a)(5)), you could be prosecuted in criminal court (INA section 276), permanently barred from admission to the United States (INA section 212(a)(9)(C)) or incur a new 10-year bar for purposes of INA section 212(a)(9)(C).

Please see below for a detailed description of the grounds of inadmissibility and the consequences of failure to obtain consent to reapply for admission in "Detailed Description of INA sections 212(a)(9)(A) and(C) and INA section 276."

Who Should File This Form?

NOTE to applicants who are outside of the United States and applying for an immigrant visa: you should only file this form if a consular officer has found you inadmissible pursuant to 212(a)(9)(A) or (C) of INA.

You should file this form if you are inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(A), but not section 212(a)(9)(C), and you are:

1. An applicant for an immigrant visa;

2. An applicant for adjustment of status under INA section 245 (other than as a T or U nonimmigrant seeking adjustment under 8 CFR 245.23 or 245.24).

An applicant who wishes to seek admission as a nonimmigrant at a U.S. port of entry but who is not required to obtain a nonimmigrant visa. (If you are an applicant for a nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. consulate, and you are required to obtain consent to reapply because of your inadmissibility, the consulate with jurisdiction over your visa application will advise you how to request consent to reapply. You may not be required to file the Form I-212 in order to receive consent to reapply).

If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C), you may file this form if you are:

1. An applicant for an immigrant visa; or

2. An applicant who wishes to seek admission as a nonimmigrant at a U.S. port of entry but who is not required to obtain a nonimmigrant visa. (If you are an applicant for a nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. consulate, and you are required to obtain consent to reapply because of your inadmissibility, the consulate with jurisdiction over your visa application will advise you how to request consent to reapply. You may not be required to file the From I-212 in order to receive consent to reapply.

If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C), you may NOT file this Form while you are in the United States. You cannot obtain consent to reapply under section 212(a)(9)(C)(ii) unless you are seeking admission to the United States more than 10 years after your last departure from the United States: This is why you may not file this form in conjunction with an adjustment-of-status application.

Detailed Description of INA sections 212(a)(9)(A), 212(a)(9)(C), and INA section 276

1. INA Section 212(a)(9)(A)

NOTE: You only have to file this form if you were actually removed from the United States. You are also deemed to have been removed if you depart or departed the United States on your own after an order of removal (whether administratively final or not) has been issued.

A. Inadmissible Under INA Section 212(a)(9)(A)(i)

You need to file this form if you seek to return to the United States during the period specified in INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(i) because:

1. You were removed from the United States as an inadmissible alien through expedited removal proceedings under INA section 235(b)(1) that are initiated when you arrived at a port of entry; or

2. You were removed from the United States as an inadmissible, arriving alien under INA section 240; that is, removal proceedings were initiated upon your arrival at a port of entry in the United States.

The period specified in section 212(a)(9)(A)(i) during which you must obtain consent to reapply before you can apply for admission to the United States again is:

1. 5 years, if you were only removed once;

2. 20 years, if you were removed twice or more;

3. Forever, if you were removed as an arriving alien, and if you are an alien who has been convicted of an aggravated felony (as defined in INA section 101(a)(43)). You are inadmissible forever, and must obtain consent to reapply for admission, even if you were not removed because of the aggravated felony conviction and even if you were convicted of the aggravated felony after you were removed from the United States.

The paperwork you received during your removal proceedings should indicate under which provisions, INA section 235(b)(1) or section 240, you were removed as an arriving alien.

You may have been removed under INA section 235(b)(1) or 240 after being present in the United States without having been admitted or paroled, or after an attempt to enter the United States without being inspected. In those instances, you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii).

If the time has passed during which you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(i), you are no longer required to file this application. Also, once consent to reapply for admission is granted, the inadmissibility no longer applies.

B. Inadmissible Under INA Section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii)

You need to file this form if you seek to return to the United States during the period specified in section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii) because:

1. You were removed from the United States as a deportable alien under INA section 240; or

2. You were ordered removed under any other provision of U.S. law; or

3. You departed the United States on your own while an order of removal was outstanding, that is, after you were ordered removed and the Government was able to remove you based on this order.

The period specified in section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii), during which you must obtain consent to reapply before being able to apply for admission to the United States again, is:

1. 10 years, if you were only removed once;

2. 20 years, if you were removed twice or more;

3. Forever if you were convicted of an aggravated felony (as defined in INA section 101(a)(43)) and if you were removed under INA section 240 or any other provision of law. You are inadmissible forever, and must obtain consent to reapply for admission, even if you were not removed because of the aggravated felony conviction, and even if you were convicted of the aggravated felony after your removal from the United States.

Removal under any provision of law includes, but is not limited to, an exclusion and deportation order under INA section 236 as it existed prior to April 1, 1997; arrest and deportation from the United States under any law prior to April 1, 1997; removal under INA section 217 for a violation of terms of admission of the Visa Waiver Program; removal under INA section 235(c) for security and related grounds; removal as a stowaway under INA section 235(a)(2); removal under INA section 238(b) after conviction of an aggravated felony; removal after revocation of the crewmember's landing permit under INA section 252(b); and removal as an alien in distress under INA section 250.

The paperwork you received during your removal proceedings should indicate under which provision you were removed.

If the time has passed during which you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii), you are no longer required to file this application. Once consent to reapply for admission is granted, the inadmissibility no longer applies.

NOTE to Consequences of INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(i) and (ii) and Unlawful Entry: If you enter or attempt to enter the United States without being lawfully admitted, even after the expiration of the inadmissibility time period under INA section 212(a)(9)(A) has passed, you will make yourself inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)(II). See the detailed explanation for INA section 212(a)(9)(C) below. You may also be criminally liable under INA section 276 if you were still required to obtain consent to reapply and have not obtained consent to reapply or your prior removal order may be reinstated under INA section 241(a)(5).

2. Inadmissible Under INA Section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)

You need to file this form, if, on or after April 1, 1997, you entered or attempted to reenter the United States without being admitted after:

A. You had been unlawfully present in the United States after April 1, 1997 for an aggregate period of more than 1 year; or

B. You had been removed under any provision of the INA or any other provision of law before, on, or after April 1, 1997.

If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i), you are permanently inadmissible and will always need to file for consent to reapply for admission BEFORE you return to the United States. **Moreover, your application may not be approved until you have been physically outside the United States for 10 years since your most recent departure from the United States after you have become inadmissible**. You cannot obtain consent to reapply while you are still in the United States. Each time you return or attempt to return to the United States without admission, you incur a new inadmissibility under INA section 212(a)(9)(C), and may not obtain consent to reapply unless you leave the United States, and then file this form after you have been abroad for at least 10 years since your most recent departure.

With your application, you should submit proof that you have not been in the United States for 10 years since your last departure from the United States.

If, after you have been abroad for at least 10 years, you file this form and it is granted, you will have the necessary consent to reapply for purposes of INA sections 212(a)(9)(A), 212(a)(9)(C), and 276. You must still, however, return to the United States lawfully by obtaining any required visa and by presenting yourself at a port of entry for inspection and admission.

Note to nonimmigrants: If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)(I) (unlawful presence and subsequent reentry without admission), you may be eligible for authorization to enter as a nonimmigrant under section 212(d)(3)(A) at any time and as an alternative to consent to reapply, but only if you wish to enter the United States as a nonimmigrant. This authorization is temporary and does not eliminate the INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)(I) ground of inadmissibility for immigrant purposes or future entries as a nonimmigrant.

3. INA Section 276

Under INA section 276, an alien who has been removed from the United States and returns to the United States unlawfully and without consent to reapply may be subject to criminal prosecution and, if convicted, may be sent to prison. Your return to the United States, even with a visa, is unlawful if, because of your removal, you were required to obtain consent to reapply for admission before you returned to the United States and you did not obtain this consent to reapply.

NOTE: If you were removed from the United States, but you have remained outside the United States for the period of time specified in INA section 212(a)(9)(A)(i) or (ii) that applies to your case, you do not need to obtain consent to reapply any longer, and you will not be subject to criminal liability under section 276(a)(2)(B) if you return lawfully to the United States through a port of entry after obtaining any required visa.

Even if the consent to reapply period has expired, you may still be subject to criminal liability under section 276 if you return to the United States unlawfully, such as returning without being admitted, or by fraud, or any other unlawful means.

Who Is Not Required To File This Form?

You are not required to file for consent to reapply for admission to the United States as an immigrant or nonimmigrant, or when you adjust status, if:

1. You have been denied admission and ordered removed, and were inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A), but you have remained outside the United States for the entire period specified in INA section 212(a)(9)(A);

2. You are an applicant for nonimmigrant visa (other than K and V nonimmigrant visa), or an applicant for Nonresident Border Crossing Card: In this situation, the U.S. consulate with jurisdiction over your visa application will advise you about how to request consent to reapply. Consent to reapply may be requested electronically in conjunction with the vias application;

3. You were allowed to withdraw your application for admission at the border, and you departed the United States within the time specified for your departure;

4. You were refused entry at the border, but not formally removed;

5. You were refused admission as an applicant under the Visa Waiver Program;

6. You had previously been unlawfully present in the United States in the aggregate of more than 1 year, or you were

were previously removed, but when coming to the border again, were paroled into the United States;

7. You received an order of voluntary departure from the immigration judge and departed the United States during the time period specified in the voluntary departure order; or

8. You are an applicant for Registry under INA section 249.

Waiver of Inadmissibility Other Than Through Consent to Reapply

Instead of filing this form to obtain consent to reapply, you may obtain a waiver of inadmissibility if:

1. You are an applicant for adjustment of status under the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) section 202 or Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 (HRIFA) section 902, and you file Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility;

2. You are an applicant for adjustment of status in connection with any legalization program under INA section 245A or 210, and you file Form I-690, Application for Grounds of Inadmissibility under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

3. You are an applicant for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Act, and you file Form I-601;

4. You are applying for T nonimmigrant status and you file Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant, with your Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status;

5. You have already received T nonimmigrant status and you are applying for adjustment of status under 8 CFR 245.23 and you file a Form I-601 under 8 CFR.212.18; or

6. You are applying for U nonimmigrant status and you file Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant, with your From I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (once you acquire U nonimmigrant status, you do not need to file this form or a new waiver application when you apply for adjustment of status under 8 CFR 245.24);

7. You are an approved VAWA self-petitioner seeking adjustment of status, and you seek to waive inadmissibility under INA section 212(a)(9)(C). You should file Form I-601. This waiver will be good only for inadmissibility under INA section 212(a)(9)(C). If you are also inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A), you should file Form I-212 as well as Form I-601.

When Should You File This Application?

Inadmissible Under INA section 212(a)(9)(A)

If you have already been removed from the United States, you must file this application prior to returning to the United States.

If you have been ordered removed but the removal order has not been executed by your departure from the United States, you may, under 8 CFR 212.2(j), file this form before you leave the United States under the removal order. However, if the application is granted, the grant is conditioned upon your actual departure from the United States (called "conditional approval"). If you are ordered removed again after approval of consent to reapply, you would have to file a new Form I-212 to obtain consent to reapply for admission after the later removal. Also, the conditional approval does not protect you from any inadmissibility that will result from your departure. Refer to "Where To File?" to determine whether you qualify for the advanced, conditional approval of this application.

If you are only inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A), you may qualify for a retroactive grant of consent to reapply. See 8 CFR 212.2(i).

Inadmissible Under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)

If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i), you cannot file this application until you have left the United States and have remained outside the United States for at least 10 years since your last departure and before you seek admission to the United States.

General Filing Instructions

1. When filling out the form, type or print legibly in black ink.

2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, indicate the item number, and date and sign each sheet.

3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If the answer is not applicable, write "N/A." If the answer is none, write "none."

4. Applicant's Signature. Under 8 CFR 103.2(a)(2), you must sign this application personally. A parent or legal guardian may also sign the application for someone under 14 years of age, and a duly appointed legal guardian may sign for an adult who is incompetent to sign the application. A copy of a signed application or a typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

5. **Preparer's Signature.** If an individual other than you, the applicant, or a parent or legal guardian prepares the application, that individual must sign and date the application and provide the information requested.

6. Any documentation submitted that is in a foreign language, or which contains foreign language, must be accompanied by a full and complete English translation. The translator must certify that he or she is fluent in English and in the language contained in the document, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The translator must furthermore certify that the translation is complete and accurate.

7. If you submit court documents, police records, or criminal records, you should submit the originals or certified copies that are properly authenticated.

8. The application must be signed by the applicant and submitted with the required fee. If the application is not properly signed and submitted with the required fee, the application will be returned as incomplete.

9. If you retained an attorney or counsel to file the application, the attorney or counsel must complete Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative.

10. Please ensure that you list a current and complete address, including a postal code. You may use a P.O. Box for mailing purposes; if you do, you still need to provide your current address where you physically reside. You may also list your current and complete address on all forms and correspondence you send.

What Evidence Must Be Submitted With Your Application?

You must submit the following evidence:

1. Attach copies of all correspondence and documentation that you have in your possession relating to your deportation or removal, if any. Retain the originals for your records.

2. If you have listed any relative under item 18 on the form, you must submit documentary evidence of your relationship to that person. In addition, if such person is a U.S. citizen, you must submit proof of his or her citizenship. If he or she is not a U.S. citizen, you must furnish such person's full name, date, and place of birth, and place of admission to the United States, and his or her Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if known.

3. **If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C):** Submit evidence of your removal from the United States and/or unlawful presence in the United States, the date of your departure from the United States or attempt to enter the United States without being admitted, and evidence of your last departure from the United States. You may submit circumstantial evidence that relates to your departure and your absence from the United States for 10 consecutive years. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, documentation such as entry/exit stamps from other countries in your passport, airplane tickets, residence registration or information, etc. Any evidence will be considered, and there is not a specific piece of evidence that you must submit to prove your absence from the United States.

4. **Additional Required Evidence When Applying With CBP at a Port of Entry:** In addition to the evidence listed above, please submit the following:

   A. You must submit proof of citizenship and identity, such as a passport, citizenship card with photograph, naturalization certificate, or birth certificate.

   NOTE: A driver's license is not considered proof of citizenship, but it may accompany a copy of another document.

   B. Completed Form G-325A, Biographic Information, signed and dated by you.

   C. If you have ever used a name other than your full legal name as provided on the form, you must list any names ever used, including names from previous marriages. Evidence of legal name changes, such as marriage certificates, divorce decrees, etc., should be included. Copies are acceptable.

   D. Each application should contain your official police record, or evidence that no record exists, from your country of residence or nationality. This record is valid for 15 months from the date of the issuance for submission with your Form I-212.

Canadian Filers:

You can obtain the above information from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) by submitting your fingerprints on Form C-216C. The returned Civil Product and any accompanying records must be dated and endorsed by the RCMP within 15 months of submission with your From I-212 application. For instructions, addresses, and payment information, please visit the RCMP Web site at **www.rcmp-grc.ca/**.

5. Additional Evidence to Support Your Application: The approval of this application is in the discretion of the agency with jurisdiction to adjudicate the application. **Appendix 1** details which agency will adjudicate your application. Also, please see "**Processing Information**." If the approval of the application is discretionary, it means that the adjudicator will weigh favorable factors and unfavorable factors that are presented in your case to determine whether your application should be granted. **You should submit as much evidence as possible that explains why you believe that your application should be granted because of the favorable factors, and why unfavorable factors should not carry as much weight as the favorable ones.**

Some favorable factors are:

A. Close family ties in the United States;

B. Unusual hardship to your U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident relatives, yourself, or your employer in the United States;

C. Evidence of reformation and rehabilitation;

D. Length of lawful presence in the United States, and status held during that presence;

E. Evidence of respect for law and order, good moral character, and family responsibilities or intent to hold family responsibilities;

F. Absence of significant undesirable or negative factors;

G. Eligibility for a waiver of other inadmissibility grounds;

H. Likelihood that you will become a lawful permanent resident in the near future.

Some unfavorable factors are:

A. Evidence of moral depravity, including criminal tendencies reflected by an ongoing unlawful activity or continuing police record;

B. Repeated violations of immigration laws, willful disregard for other laws;

C. Likelihood of becoming a public charge;

D. Poor physical or mental condition (however, a need for treatment in the United States for such condition would be a favorable factor);

E. Absence of close family ties or hardships;

F. Spurious marriage to a U.S. citizen for purpose of gaining an immigration benefit;

G. Unauthorized employment in the United States;

H. Lack of skill for which labor certification could be issued;

I. Serious violation of immigration laws, which evidences a callous attitude without hint of reformation of character.

Evidence that can be submitted in support of your application include but is not limited to:

A. Affidavits from you or other individuals in support of your application;

B. Evidence of family ties in the United States;

C. Police reports from countries you lived in;

D. Complete court records regarding conviction or charge from any country;

E. If applicable, evidence of rehabilitation;

F. Evidence you may wish to submit to establish that your admission to the United States would not be against national welfare or security;

G. Medical reports;

H. Employment records;

I. Evidence of hardship to you, your relative(s), or other individuals that would result from the denial of this application;

J. The impact of family separation;

K. Country conditions to which your family would have to relocate if this application were denied;

L. Any other evidence that you may wish to submit to show why you should be granted consent to reapply.

NOTE: Your application should be supported by documentary evidence, or you should have a detailed explanation why such evidence cannot be obtained. Mere assertions (in a letter by you or others) will not suffice. Medical assertions should be supported by a professional's statement.

Remember: If you are inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C), your application can only be approved if you have been physically outside the United States for 10 years since your last departure from the United States.

Where To File?

(See **Appendix 1** to these instructions for a summary of the information below. **Appendix 1** also details which agency will process and adjudicate your application.)

1. With U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

An applicant for admission as a nonimmigrant who does not require a visa may apply for consent at a designated port of entry: Filing this application is generally done in person at a CBP-designated port of entry or a CBP-designated preclearance office. There are exceptions to the in-person filing. It is recommend that you contact the CBP preclearance office or the CBP port of entry where you intend to be processed before submitting your application. To find a CBP-designated port of entry or a CBP-designated preclearance office and to obtain information on required documentation and processing procedures, visit the CBP Web site at **www.cbp.gov**.

You will be required to submit fingerprints. If you are filing in person, you will be fingerprinted when you submit your application. If you apply where there is an exception to the in- person filing requirement, you will be notified regarding arrangements for your fingerprinting. Generally, there is no additional charge.

Citizens of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Marshall Islands may contact the nearest consulate of the U.S. Department of State (DOS) to receive instructions on where and how to submit this form.

2. With a Consulate of the DOS

Applicants for Nonimmigrant Visa (other than K, T, U, or V Visa Applicants) or applicants for Nonresident Border Crossing Cards: Consent to reapply is requested by a manner prescribed by the consular officer. See the U.S. consulate which has jurisdiction over your place of residence.

3. With U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

A. Applicant for K or V Nonimmigrant Visa: You may request consent to reapply for admission to the United States after you have attended your visa interview at a U.S. consulate and after a consular officer has found you inadmissible. You must file Form I-212 with the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox facility at the address listed below.

B. Applicant for Immigrant Visa who is Outside the United States and Who Also Requires a Waiver of Inadmissibility (Form I-601): You may request both the waiver and consent to reapply for admission to the United States after you have attended your visa interview at a U.S. consulate and after a consular officer has found you inadmissible. You must file Form I-212 together with Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility. You must send both forms together to the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox facility at the address listed below:

USCIS
P.O. Box 21600
Phoenix, AZ 85036

Express Mail or commercial courier delivery services:

USCIS
ATTN: 601/212 Foreign Filers
1820 E. Skyharbor Cir S Ste 100
Phoenix, AZ 85034

C. Vermont Service Center

Applicant for Adjustment of Status or Immigrant Visa based on an approved VAWA Self-Petition (Form 1-360). The application must be filed directly with USCIS at the Vermont Service Center. The address is:

USCIS - Vermont Service Center
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, VT 05479-0001

D. USCIS Field Office

1. Applicant physically present in the United States, applying for adjustment of status with USCIS and inadmissible only under INA section 212(a)(9)(A): You must file the application either concurrently with your application for adjustment of status (Form I-485), or at any time afterward. If you are filing Form I-212 together with Form I-485, you must file the Form I-485/I-212 at the filing location specified on Form I-485. See the filing instructions for Form I-485. If you are in the United States and your Form I-485 is currently pending, you must file Form I-212 with the USCIS field office or Service Center where your form is CURRENTLY pending.

2. Applicant for Immigrant visa at the U.S. consulate but not required to file Form I-601. You must file the application with the Field Office Director having jurisdiction over the place where your deportation or removal proceedings were held.

If you are inadmissible because you had previously accrued unlawful presence in the aggregate of 1 year or more in the United States, and you departed the United States and entered or attempted to reenter the United States without being admitted (INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)(I)), you may not have been in removal proceedings. In this case, you should file the application with the Field Office Director having jurisdiction over your intended place of residence in the United States.

3. **Aliens physically present in the United States seeking immigrant status but not eligible for adjustment of status (for reasons other than inadmissibility under INA Section 212(a)(9)(C)):** You must file your application with the Field Office Director having jurisdiction over your place of residence.

NOTE: If your application is approved, the approval is conditioned upon your departure from the United States. If you do not depart, the approval has no effect.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of these forms, please contact our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. If you live outside of the United States please note that you may have to dial an international code to access the National Customer Service Center and that your calls may not be toll free.

4. **Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Applicant in Removal Proceedings: If your application for adjustment of status under INA section 245 has been filed, renewed, or is pending in a proceeding before an immigration judge, you should file Form I-212 according to the instructions provided to you in immigration court. For information about EOIR, visit EOIR's Web site at **www.usdoj.gov/eoir**.

5. **All Other Circumstances Not Listed Above**

If your current situation has not been mentioned above, but if you are required to file Form I- 212, you must file the application with the USCIS Field Office Director who last exercised or is now exercising jurisdiction over your most recent proceedings.

6. **Special Circumstances**

USCIS may accept a filing of Form I-212 at other locations as USCIS may designate in special situations.USCIS will post the eligible special circumstance and the alternative filing location on the Form I-212 entry page at **www.USCIS.gov/i-212**. Please consult that page if you wish to file Form I-212 at a location other than one listed above.

What Is the Filing Fee?

The filing fee for Form I-212 is **$585.**

The fee cannot be refunded, regardless of the action taken on the application. **Do not mail cash**. All fees must be submitted in the exact amount.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for Form I-212:

1. Bank drafts, cashier's checks, certified checks, personal checks, and money orders must be drawn on U.S. financial institutions and payable in U.S. funds.
2. **When applying with CBP at a port of entry**: You must make your check or money order payable to **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency. Certain CBP-designated ports of entry and certain CBP-designated preclearance offices may accept payment in the form of cash or credit cards. It is recommended that you contact the CBP preclearance office or CBP port of entry where you intend to be processed for payment instructions.

   If you are a citizen of Palau, the Federal States of Micronesia, or the Marshall Island; you may contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate to receive payment instructions.
3. **When applying with USCIS:** Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-212 fee:

   A. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; **and**

   B. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security.**

   NOTE: Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS."
4. If you are a VAWA Self-petitioner or filing under section 101(a)(15)(T) (T visa), 101(a)(15)(U) (U visa), 106 (battered spouse of A, G, E-3, or H nonimmigrant), 240A (b)(2) (battered spouse or child of a lawful permanent or U.S. citizen), or 244(a)(3) (Temporary Protected Status), of the Act (as in effect on March 31, 1997), you may be eligible for a fee waiver for this form based upon your inability to pay the fee. You may submit a written fee waiver request or Form I-912 and any required evidence of your inability to pay the fee with this form. You can review the fee waiver guidance at **www.uscis.gov**.

5. **When applying with EOIR during removal proceedings:** If you are in removal proceedings, you must submit the payment as instructed by the court with jurisdiction over your case. For information about EOIR, please visit EOIR's Web site at **www.usdoj.gov/eoir.**

Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.

If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.

How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

The form fee on this form is current as of the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit our Web site at **www.uscis.gov**, select "Check Filing Fees" to check the appropriate fee;

2. Telephone our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Address Changes

If You Filed Your Application With CBP:

You may change your address by writing via regular mail to:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Admissibility Review Office, 7th Floor
Mail Stop 1340
12825 Worldgate Drive
Herndon, VA 20598

If you Filed Your Application With USCIS in the United States:

If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov/addresschange** or contact the National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

In addition to the above, you should notify the USCIS office where your application or petition is currently pending of your change of address. You can find contact information on the receipt notice that was sent to you or that you received for Form I-212.

Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.

If You Filed Your Application With EOIR:

If you change your address after you have submitted an application with EOIR because you are in removal proceedings, you should notify EOIR in writing according to the instructions provided to you by the immigration court handling your removal case.

Processing Information

NOTE: If this application is approved, the approval is only valid for those grounds of inadmissibility that you included in the application. You should specify on the form every ground of inadmissibility under INA section 212(a)(9)(A) or (C) that applies to you. You may file just one application and pay just one filing fee, even if you request consent to reapply for inadmissibility under more than one ground provided in INA section 212(a)(9)(A) or (C). If you omit a ground under INA section 212(a)(9)(A) or (C) that applies to you, you may need to file an additional Form I-212 and pay an additional fee to request the approval for consent to reapply.

Acceptance

Any application that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that the application is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the application. However, an application is not considered properly filed until it is accepted by the office in which you submitted your application.

Initial Processing

Once the application has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form or file it without the required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility and your application may be denied.

Requests for More Information

Any agency may request more information or evidence, or can request that you appear at an agency's office for an interview. It can also request that you submit the originals of any copy. Originals will be returned when they are no longer needed.

Decision

If you are an applicant for Nonimmigrant Visa (other than K, T, U, or V visa applicants), or for a Nonimmigrant Border Crossing Card at the U.S. consulate: CBP/ARO will inform the consular officer whether consent to reapply is granted, and whether nonimmigrant visa issuance is authorized. The consular officer will advise you of the decision regarding your application for the Nonimmigrant Visa. All inquiries must be directed to the consular officer at the U.S. consulate where you applied for the Nonimmigrant Visa.

If you are an applicant seeking admission as a nonimmigrant at a CBP port of entry: CBP/ARO will make a decision on your application. You will be notified in writing of the decision. The decision will be mailed to the address provided on the application. Status inquiries are made via e-mail at the following address: **inquiry.waiver.aro@dhs.gov**. Attorneys should address their e-mail inquiries to: **attorneyinquiry.waiver.aro@dhs.gov**. You should wait until after more than 90 days have passed from submission of your application before making a status inquiry. Please refer to the CBP Web site at **www.cbp.gov** for further information.

If you are an applicant for K or V nonimmigrant status, or if you are an applicant for an Immigrant Visa and also required to file Form 1-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility: USCIS will adjudicate your application. You will receive a decision in writing. The DOS consular section where you applied for your visa will contact you once a decision has been made on the application. Your visa application will then be finalized by the consular officer.

If you are an individual applying for adjustment of status based on an approved VAWA self-petition, your case will be adjudicated by the Vermont Service Center. If you have any questions, you should write to the Vermont Service Center at the following address:

USCIS - Vermont Service Center
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, VT 05479-0001

If you submit your application to EOIR while you are in removal proceedings, the immigration court will make a decision on your application in connection with the relief you seek from removal. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the court with jurisdiction over your proceedings directly. You can find contact information on EOIR's Web site at **www.usdoj.gov/eoir**.

If you are an applicant for an Immigrant Visa but did not have to file Form I-601, or for cases in any category not mentioned above, the USCIS Field Office with jurisdiction over your application will adjudicate the application and notify you of the decision in writing at the address you provided in the application. If you have any questions about your case, please call the toll-free number at **1-800-375-5283**, or visit the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov**.

Denial of the Application: If your application, Form I-212, is denied, you may appeal the decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) of USCIS, as provided in 8 CFR 103.3 and 212.2(h). You will be informed about how to submit an appeal. Your appeal must be first submitted to the director who made the decision in your case.

NOTE: There is no appeal of a decision to deny an application for Nonimmigrant Visa or Nonimmigrant Border Crossing Card.

How Long Is an Approved Form I-212 Valid? If your application is granted, the permission will be valid indefinitely, unless revoked by the agency that granted the approval. If an approved Form I-212 is obtained for nonimmigrant purposes, it is also valid for future immigrant or nonimmigrant purposes. If you become inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(A) or (C) after the approval of this form, the approval does not overcome these grounds of inadmissibility.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov** where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by telephoning our USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through the USCIS Internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access the system, visit the USCIS Web site. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this request, we will deny the benefit you are filing for, and may deny any other immigration benefit.

In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law, and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et seq.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. The information you provide will be used to grant or deny the benefit sought.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.

ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this form may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations following approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at **www.dhs.gov/privacy**]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy & Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140. OMB No. 1615-0018. **Do not mail your completed Form I-212 to this address.**

APPENDIX 1

Scenario	Office Where the Application Is Filed	Source	Office Where the Application Is Adjudicated
Applicant for nonimmigrant visa (other than K, T, U, or V) or nonresident border crossing card abroad	**U.S. Consulate** with jurisdiction over the alien's place of residence according to the manner prescribed by the consular officer	8 CFR 212.2(b)	**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).**The consular officer must forward recommendation for consent to reapply and visa issuance to CBP/Admissibility Review Office (ARO) for decision.
Applicant for admission as a nonimmigrant who is not required to obtain a visa	**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** with the CBP-designated port of entry or designated CBP preclearance office	8 CFR 212.2(f)	**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)/Admissibility Review Office (ARO)**
Nonimmigrant visa applicants under INA section 101(a)(15)(K) and (V)	**USCIS Phoenix Lockbox**	8 CFR 212.2(c)	**USCIS Nebraska Service Center**
Applicant for immigrant visa in need of concurrent waiver filed on Form I-601	**USCIS Phoenix Lockbox**	8 CFR 212.2(d)	**USCIS Nebraska Service Center**
Applicant for adjustment of status based on an approved VAWA self-petition (Form I-360)	**USCIS Vermont Service Center**	INA Section 212(a)(9)(A)	**USCIS Vermont Service Center**
Applicant for adjustment of status, only subject to INA section 212(a)(9)(A) (irrespective of need of Form I-601)	**USCIS** Office with jurisdiction over the adjustment-of-status application	8 CFR 212.2(e)	**USCIS** Office with jurisdiction over the adjustment-of-status application
Applicant for immigrant visa and waiver on Form I-601 not required	**USCIS Field Office** with jurisdiction over the place where the alien's deportation or removal proceedings were held **If the applicant is inadmissible under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)(i)(I)**: The application is filed with the USCIS Field Office with jurisdiction over the alien's intended place of residence in the United States.	8 CFR 212.2(d)	**USCIS Field Office** with jurisdiction over the place where the deportation or removal proceedings were held

APPENDIX 1 (Cont'd)

Scenario	Office Where the Application Is Filed	Source	Office Where the Application Is Adjudicated
Alien is physically present in the United States but not eligible for adjustment of status because of inadmissibility under INA section 212(a)(9)(C)	An alien may not file the application until the alien has departed the United States and until he or she has resided abroad for 10 years since the alien's last departure. Once the 10-year requirement is satisfied, the individual may apply; jurisdiction is determined: **1.** According to the principles outlined above for individuals outside the United States, and **2.** Based on the individual's need for a waiver filed on Form I-601	*Matter of Torres -Garcia*, 23 I&N Dec. 866 (BIA 2006) and *Matter of Briones*, 24 I&N Dec. 355 (BIA 2007)	
Alien physically present in the United States but in removal proceedings* ***NOTE:** If the alien is put into proceedings after having filed Form I-212 with USCIS, the USCIS office should forward the application to the EOIR location with jurisdiction over the alien's removal proceedings.	**Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)** with jurisdiction over the removal proceedings	8 CFR 212.2(e); March 31, 2005 memorandum, William R. Yates, *EOIR Processing*	**Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)** with the office having jurisdiction over the alien's removal proceedings
The alien is seeking conditionally granted advance permission to reapply for admission prior to departure and is inadmissible only under INA section 212 (a)(9)(A) (irrespective of whether another waiver under section 212(g), (h), (i), or 212 (a)(9)(B) is needed)	**USCIS Field Office** with jurisdiction over the place where the alien is residing	8 CFR 212.2(j)	**USCIS Field Office** with jurisdiction over the place where the alien is residing
All other circumstances not listed above	**USCIS Field Office** with jurisdiction over the place where deportation or removal proceedings were held, or with the Field Office Director who exercised or is exercising jurisdiction over the applicant's most recent proceedings	8 CFR 212.2(g) (i) and (ii)	**USCIS Field Office**