

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa**  
**Form I-193**  
**(OMB No. 1651-0107)**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

The data collected on DHS Form I-193, Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa, is used by CBP to determine an applicant's identity, alienage, claim to legal status in the United States, and eligibility to enter the United States under 8 CFR 211.1(b)(3) and 212.1(g). This form is a tool used by CBP for aliens requesting to enter the country for a medical or humanitarian emergency, but wishing for CBP to waive the documentary requirements to present a valid passport or visa due to an expired passport, or a lost, stolen, or forgotten passport or permanent resident card, or if there is insufficient time for the alien to obtain a nonimmigrant visa or a passport. The waiver of the documentary requirements and the information collected on DHS Form I-193 is authorized by Section 212(a) (7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This form is accessible at [http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP\\_Form\\_i193.pdf](http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_i193.pdf)

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

The data collected on this form will be used by CBP to determine an applicant's identity, alienage, an alien's claim to legal status in the United States and eligibility to enter the United States under 8 CFR 211.1(b)(3) and 212.1(g) INA.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

This form is filled out by a CBP Officer during the inspectional process on board a conveyance or at a border location so it would not be feasible to submit this information electronically. In addition, electronic submission of the information is not allowed because CBP cannot pre-adjudicate this application for admission into the United States.

- 4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

This information is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection does not have an impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

- 6. Describe consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

If the information was not collected or collected less frequently, it would hinder CBP's ability to determine an applicant's eligibility for a waiver of documentary requirements under 8 CFR parts 211.1(b)(3) and 212.1(g). This would result in causing delays for aliens traveling under emergency circumstances.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.6.

- 8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices, including a 60-day FRN published on June 6, 2014 (Volume 79, Page 32745) and a 30-day notice published on August 18, 2014 (Volume 79, Page 48756) on which no comments have been received.

- 9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

A SORN for the Immigration Services Benefits Information System was published on September 29, 2008 (Volume 73, Page 56596) and a PIA entitled "USCIS Benefits Processing of Applicants other than Petitions for Naturalization, Refugee Status, and Asylum" dated September 5, 2008 will be submitted with this ICR. There is no assurance of confidentiality provide to respondents.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

There are no questions of a sensitive nature associated with this collection.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.**

FORM	HOURS	RESPONDENTS	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
I-193	4,150	25,000	25,000	10 minutes (.166)

**Public Cost**

The estimated annual public cost is **\$14,814,157**. This is based on the number of respondents (25,000) x \$585 fee = **\$14,625,000**, plus the value of the time burden which is the number of burden hours (4,150) multiplied (x) by the average hourly rate (\$45.58) = **\$189,157**.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information.**

There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information

collection. There is a charge of \$585 per application associated with the collection of this information.

- 14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses, and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

There is no cost to the Government associated with this information collection because the costs are offset by the \$585 fee.

- 15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13 of this Statement.**

There are no increases or decreases to the burden associated with this information collection, and there are no changes to the information collected.

- 16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation, and publication.**

This information collection will not be published.

- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

- 18. "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement for this information collection.

## **B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

No statistical methods were employed.