### TABLE OF CHANGES –FORM and INSTRUCTIONS Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

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Reason for Revision: Updates are required for Form I-539 due to a Fee Increase.

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FORM		
Page 1, Part 1., Information About You, Item Number 2.	[page 1] 2. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)	[page 1] 2. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)
INSTRUCTIONS Page 10, 22. V, Spouse or Child of a Lawful Permanent Resident	<b>NOTE:</b> In addition to the <b>\$290</b> application fee required to file Form I-539, V applicants are required to pay an <b>\$85</b> biometrics services fee for USCIS to take their fingerprints.	NOTE: In addition to the \$370 application fee required to file Form I-539, V applicants are required to pay an \$85 biometrics services fee for USCIS to take their fingerprints.
Page 11, General Instructions, How to Fill Out Form I- 539	4. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using USCIS ELIS, provide the USCIS ELIS Account Number you were issued by the system. The USCIS ELIS Account Number is not the same as an A-Number. If you were issued a USCIS ELIS Account Number, enter it in the space provided in Part 1., Item Number 2 of the form.	4. USCIS Online Account Number (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.
Page 13, What Is the Filing Fee?	[page 13]  The filing fee for Form I-539 is <b>\$290</b> , except for certain A and G nonimmigrants who are not required to pay a fee, as noted	[page 13]  The filing fee for Form I-539 is \$370, except for certain A and G nonimmigrants who are not required to pay a fee, as noted

in these instructions.

An additional biometrics fee of **\$85** is required when filing this Form I-539 for V nonimmigrant or for certain applicants in the CNMI applying for a grant of nonimmigrant status. After you submit Form I-539, USCIS will notify you about when and where to go for biometrics services.

**NOTE:** A fee waiver request will be accepted in accordance to 8 CFR 103.7(c) (3)(xviii) for T and U nonimmigrants.

# Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-539 and the biometrics services fee, if applicable:

- 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.
- 2. 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."

## **Notice to Those Making Payment by Check**

If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it 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 your bank will show it on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check,

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**NOTE:** The filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.

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You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot but 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 USCIS cannot complete the EFT because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.

#### How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form I-539 and biometrics services fees are current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

- **1.** Visit the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov**, select "Forms" and check the appropriate fee; or
- Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 and ask for the fee information. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.

**NOTE**: If your Form I-539 requires payment of a biometric service fee for USCIS to take your fingerprints, photograph, or signature, you can use the same procedure to obtain the correct biometrics services fee.

process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If your check is returned as unpayable, USCIS will resubmit the payment to the financial institution one time. If the check is returned as unpayable a second time, we will reject your application and charge you a returned check fee.

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#### Fee Waiver

You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7(c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver (or a written request), and submit it and any required evidence of your inability to pay the filing fee with this application. You can review the fee waiver guidance at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver">www.uscis.gov/feewaiver</a>.