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| **Page 13, V. Employment Authorization While Your Application Is Pending** | **[Page 13]****V. Employment Authorization While Your Application Is Pending**You will be granted permission to work if your asylum application is granted.Simply filing an application for asylum does not entitle you to employment authorization. You may request permission to work if your asylum application is pending and 150 days have lapsed since your application was accepted by USCIS or the Immigration Court. (See 8 CFR sections 208.7(a)(1) and 1208.7(a)(1).) Any delay in the processing of your asylum application that you request or cause will not be counted as part of the 150-day period.If your asylum application has not been denied within 180 days from the date of filing a complete asylum application, you may be granted permission to work by filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with USCIS. Follow the instructions on that application and submit it with a copy of evidence as specified in the instructions that you have a pending asylum application.Each family member whom you have asked to be included in your application and who also wants permission to work must submit a separate Form I-765.You may obtain copies of Form I-765 by calling the USCIS forms line at **1-800-870-3676** or from the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov**](https://ecn.uscis.dhs.gov/team/mgmt/Offices/OIDP/FRD/wordDocs/www.uscis.gov). | **[Page 13]****V. Employment Authorization While Your Application Is Pending**You will be granted permission to work if your asylum application is granted.Simply filing an application for asylum does not entitle you to employment authorization. You may request permission to work if your asylum application is pending and 150 days have lapsed since your application was accepted by USCIS or the Immigration Court. (See 8 CFR sections 208.7(a)(1) and 1208.7(a)(1).) Any delay in the processing of your asylum application that you request or cause will not be counted as part of the 150-day period.If your asylum application has not been denied within 180 days from the date of filing a complete asylum application, you may be granted permission to work by filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with USCIS. Follow the instructions on that application and submit it with a copy of evidence as specified in the instructions that you have a pending asylum application.Each family member whom you have asked to be included in your application and who also wants permission to work must submit a separate Form I-765.You may obtain copies of Form I-765 by calling **1-800-375-5283** or from the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov**](https://ecn.uscis.dhs.gov/team/mgmt/Offices/OIDP/FRD/wordDocs/www.uscis.gov). |
| **Page 13, USCIS Privacy Act Statement** | **[Page 13]****USCIS Privacy Act Statement****AUTHORITIES:**  The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected pursuant to sections 208 and 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and 8 CFR parts 208 and 1208. **PURPOSE:**  The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine eligibility for asylum in the United States, and for withholding of removal.  The information may also be used to apply for deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture. **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 the denial of your benefit request. **ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this benefit application with other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations.  DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS- USCIS-001  - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking and DHS-USCIS-010 - Asylum Information and Pre- Screening] which you can find at [**www.dhs.gov/privacy**](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy) and EOIR-001, Records Management Information System, 69 Fed. Reg 26, 179 (May 11, 2004) or its successors.  DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security. | **[Page 13]****DHS Privacy Notice****AUTHORITIES:**  The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act sections 208 and 241(b)(3). **PURPOSE:**  The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to apply for asylum in the United States, and for withholding of removal.  DHS uses the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.**DISCLOSURE:**  The information you provide is voluntary.  However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your application. **ROUTINE USES:** DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this application and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations.  DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System, DHS/USCIS-010 Asylum Information and Pre-Screening System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-027 USCIS Asylum Division] which you can find at [**www.dhs.gov/privacy**](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy).  DHS may also share this information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.  |
| **Page 14, USCIS Forms and Information** | **[Page 14]****USCIS Forms and Information**You can get USCIS forms and immigration-related information on the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov**](https://ecn.uscis.dhs.gov/team/mgmt/Offices/OIDP/FRD/wordDocs/www.uscis.gov). You may order USCIS forms by calling the toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by telephoning the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** (TTY: **1-800-767-1833**).Additional information concerning asylum and withholding of removal is available on the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov/asylum**](http://www.uscis.gov/asylum)and the EOIR website at [**www.usdoj.gov/eoir**](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir)**.** | **[Page 14]****USCIS Forms and Information**You can get USCIS forms and immigration-related information on the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov**](https://ecn.uscis.dhs.gov/team/mgmt/Offices/OIDP/FRD/wordDocs/www.uscis.gov). You may order USCIS forms by calling **1-800-375-5283** (TTY: **1-800-767-1833**).Additional information concerning asylum and withholding of removal is available on the USCIS website at [**www.uscis.gov/asylum**](http://www.uscis.gov/asylum)and the EOIR website at [**www.usdoj.gov/eoir**](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir)**.** |