



Instructions for Form I-539A
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-539A
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What Is the Purpose of Form I-539A?

I-539A is part of Form I-539. If you are applying for more than one person using your I-539 application, use a separate Form I-539A to provide all of the requested information for each additional applicant listed. Each Form I-539A must include the signature of the individual applicant. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

Special Instructions for V Nonimmigrants

If you are physically present in the United States and are applying for V nonimmigrant status, see the **Who Is Eligible for V Nonimmigrant Status** section below.

NOTE: If you are filing Form I-539A, you do not necessarily have to be in valid nonimmigrant status to obtain V nonimmigrant status in the United States. See the **Who Is Eligible for V Nonimmigrant Status** section for more information.

Who Is Eligible for V Nonimmigrant Status?

To be eligible for V nonimmigrant status, you must be the spouse or child of a lawful permanent resident and be the beneficiary of a properly filed Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, filed on or before December 21, 2000. In addition, Form I-130 must have been filed three or more years prior to the date of filing Supplement A to Form I-539, and be:

1. Still pending; or
2. Approved, and your beneficiary must either:
 - A. Wait for an immigrant visa number to become available; or
 - B. If the visa number is immediately available, you must have pending an application for adjustment of status or an application for an immigrant visa.

In addition, you must be admissible to the United States, except where the grounds of inadmissibility do not apply or have been waived. The grounds of inadmissibility that do not apply are Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections:

1. 212(a)(6)(A) -- Aliens present without admission or parole;
2. 212(a)(7) -- Aliens without valid passports, visas, or other entry documents; and
3. 212(a)(9)(B) -- Aliens who were unlawfully present for more than 180 days, then departed, and seek admission while barred from doing so.

Additional Instructions

1. Select **Part 2. Application Type, Item Number 3.a.** of Form I-539, and indicate “V” in **Item Number 3.c.**
2. Use information from the qualifying Form I-130 for your response to **Part 3., Item Number 3.a.** of Form I-539.

Additional Evidence Requirements for V Nonimmigrants

In addition to the General Filing Instructions and Initial Evidence required by the Form I-539 Instructions, you **must** submit:

1. Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, without the vaccination supplement; and
2. Proof of filing of the immigrant petition that qualifies you for V nonimmigrant status, and if necessary, proof of filing of Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. Proof of filing may be in the form of Form I-797, Notice of Action, that serves as a receipt or as a notice of approval, or a receipt for a filed Form I-130 or Form I-485, or notice of approval issued by a local district/field office.

If you do not have such proof, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will review other forms of evidence, such as correspondence to or from USCIS regarding a pending petition.

If you do not have any of the above items, but believe you are eligible for V nonimmigrant status, you must state where and when the petition was filed, the name and alien registration number of the petitioner, and the names of all beneficiaries.

General Instructions

1. **Biometric Services Appointment.** Every individual who is an applicant, petitioner, derivative, or beneficiary of an immigration benefit request or other request submitted to USCIS is required to submit biometrics unless USCIS waives the requirement. USCIS will notify you of the time and place of your appointment if you must appear and will provide requirements for rescheduling if necessary. If you fail to submit any biometric as required, USCIS may deny your application, petition, or request.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may store the biometrics submitted by an individual and use or reuse biometrics to conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), verify identity, produce documents, determine eligibility for immigration and naturalization benefits, or to perform any other functions necessary for administering and enforcing immigration and naturalization laws, and any other law within DHS authority.

If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

- A. You provided or authorized all information in the application;
 - B. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your application; and
 - C. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.
2. **Part 2. Biographic Information.** Provide the biographic information requested. Providing this information as part of your application may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.
 - A. **Ethnicity and Race.** Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.
 - B. **Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race**
 - (1) **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**NOTE:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Part 3., Item Number 1.**)
 - (2) **American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
 - (3) **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

- (4) **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- (5) **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- (6) **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- C. Height.** Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select “5” for feet and “09” for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.
- D. Weight.** Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter “000.” Do not enter your weight in kilograms.
- E. Eye Color.** Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.
- F. Hair Color.** Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

What Is the Filing Fee?

See the Form I-539 Instructions for required fees.

Where to File?

See the Form I-539 Instructions for filing instructions.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-539, we will deny your Form I-539 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 Compliance Review and Monitoring

By signing this request, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this request is complete, true, and correct. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has the authority to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS’ legal authority to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. sections 1103 and 1184, and 8 CFR parts 103, 214, and 248. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case is decided. Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile, other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections of residences and locations of employment; and interviews. USCIS will use information obtained through verification to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for an immigration benefit. Subject to the restrictions under 8 CFR 103.2(b)(16), USCIS will provide you with an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may result from a USCIS compliance review, verification, or site visit after a formal decision is made on your case or after the agency has initiated an adverse action which may result in revocation or termination of an approval.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this **application**, and the associated evidence, is collected **pursuant to** the Immigration and Nationality Act sections 1103 and 1184, and **8 CFR** parts 103, 214, and 248.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this **application** is to apply for an extension of stay or a change from one nonimmigrant category to another nonimmigrant category. DHS will use 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 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-007** Benefits Information System, and **DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check**] and the published privacy impact assessment [**DHS/USCIS/PIA-016(a)** Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated **Systems and DHS/USCIS/PIA-071 myUSCIS Account Experience**] which can be found at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share this information, 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. **The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 3 hours and 40 minutes.** 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 and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0004. **Do not mail your completed Form I-539A to this address.**