



Instructions for Public Charge Bond

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

USCIS
Form I-945
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What Is the Purpose of Form I-945?

You should use this form to submit a public charge bond. Aliens determined to be inadmissible under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act may, if otherwise admissible, be admitted to the United States upon posting a suitable and proper public charge bond in the amount and under the conditions set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the U.S. Department of State (DOS). This public charge bond is posted as security for performance and fulfillment of the financial obligations of a bonded alien to the U.S. government.

General Instructions

Filing Fee. See Form G-1055, available at uscis.gov/forms, for specific information about the fees applicable to this form.

How to Fill Out Form I-945

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks, "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None" unless otherwise directed.
3. **Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require you to appear for an interview or provide biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application or petition. If we determine that a biometric services appointment is necessary, we will send you an appointment notice with the date, time, and location of your appointment. If you are currently overseas, your notice will instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to schedule an appointment.

At your biometrics appointment, you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

1. You provided or authorized all information in the request;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your request; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you do not attend your biometric services appointment, we may deny your request.

Part 1. Obligor and Agent/Co-Obligor Information

Please read the Obligor and Agent/Co-Obligor descriptions provided in **Part 1.** and then complete **Item Numbers 1. - 15.b.** with the information requested.

Part 2. Information About the Alien for Whom the Bond Is Furnished

Item Number 2. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any). An Alien Registration Number, otherwise known as an “A-Number,” is typically issued to people who apply for, or are granted, certain immigration benefits. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issues A-Numbers. In addition, other agencies may issue an A-Number, namely U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the Department of State (DOS). If the alien for whom the bond is furnished was issued an A-Number, type or print it in the spaces provided. If the alien was issued an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) indicating the (c)(9) eligibility category based on a pending application for adjustment of status, this number may be listed as the USCIS Number on the front of the card. If the alien has more than one A-Number, use the space provided in **Part 5. Additional Information** to provide the information. If the alien does not have an A-Number or if he or she does not know or have access to their A-Number, leave this space blank.

Item Number 3. USCIS Online Account Number. Providing the applicant’s unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps them manage their online account. You have an Online Account Number if you previously filed an application, petition, or request online or by mail and received a receipt number that begins with IOE. If you filed a form online, you can find your OAN in your USCIS Online Account profile. If you mailed your form, we still created an OAN for you. You can find the number at the top of the USCIS Account Access Notice we sent you. The OAN is not the same as an A-Number. If you do not have a receipt number beginning with IOE, you do not have an OAN.

Item Numbers 4. - 6. Identification of the Alien’s Pending Immigration Benefit Request. Provide the alien’s receipt number for the pending Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, the alien’s DOS Consular Case Number (NVC Case Number), or the alien’s Diversity Visa (DV) Case Number (KCC Case number). You should only provide one of these.

Item Number 7. Mailing Address. Provide the alien’s mailing address.

Item Number 8. Physical Address. Provide the alien’s current physical address where the alien is currently residing.

Item Number 9. Date of Birth. Enter the alien’s date of birth in mm/dd/yyyy format in the space provided. For example, type or print October 5, 1967 as 10/05/1967.

Item Number 10. Place of Birth. Enter the name of the city or town, and country where the alien was born. Type or print the name of the country as it was named when the alien was born, even if the country’s name has changed or the country no longer exists.

Item Number 11. Country of Citizenship or Nationality. Enter the name of the country where the alien is a citizen. This is not necessarily the country where the alien was born. If the alien is stateless, type or print “stateless.” If the alien is a citizen or national of more than one country, type or print the other(s) in **Part 5. Additional Information**.

Item Number 12. Alien’s Daytime Telephone Number. Provide the alien’s daytime telephone number.

Item Number 13. Alien’s Email Address (if any). Provide the alien’s email address.

Item Number 14. Information About the Alien’s Attorney or Accredited Representative. If the alien is represented by an attorney or accredited representative, the alien’s attorney or accredited representative must submit a new Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, for purposes of the bond. If the attorney or accredited representative does not submit Form G-28, USCIS will not be able to communicate with the attorney or accredited representative on behalf of the bonded alien or send a copy of the communication concerning bonds to the alien’s attorney or accredited representative (as outlined in the Public Charge Bond, Form I-945).

Part 4. Obligor’s or Agent/Co-Obligor’s Statement, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

Every form **MUST** contain the signature of the obligor or the agent/co-obligor. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

Part 5. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information **within this form**, use the space provided in **Part 5. Additional Information**. If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 5.**, you may make copies of **Part 5.** to complete and **file** with Form I-945. Type or print the name of the obligor, the power of attorney number, and the A-Number of the bonded alien at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet. **Do not use Part 5. to amend the terms of Parts 3. or 4. If you alter the text of Parts 3. or 4. by adding terms and conditions in Part 5., USCIS will reject the bond.**

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed form to review in the future and for your records.

What Evidence Must You Submit with Form I-945?

You need to include a copy of the communication that USCIS **or the DOS Consular Officer** sent to you instructing you to file Form I-945, when you submit the Form I-945. If you do not include it, we will reject your Form I-945.

How to Pay The Bond Amount For Cash Bonds

Please see our website at www.uscis.gov/I-945 or call our USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about how to pay the bond amount in case of a cash bond. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Where to File?

Please see our website at www.uscis.gov/I-945 for the **most** current information about where to file this **form**.

Processing Information

USCIS will reject any Form I-945 that is not signed or is incomplete.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, **visit www.uscis.gov**.

Penalties

If you, the obligor, or agent/co-obligor, knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-945, we may reject the bond. 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 form, you, the obligor or agent/co-obligor acting on the obligor's behalf, has stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this form are complete, true, and correct. You also authorize the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to process the bond and consent to USCIS verifying such information.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has the authority to verify any information you submit to establish that the bond should be accepted. Our legal authority to verify this information is in Title 8 U.S.C. sections 1103, 1182, and 1183, and 8 CFR Parts 103 and 213, as well as Title 26 U.S.C. 6109, Title 31 U.S.C. 7701 and Executive Order 9397. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, we may verify information before or after accepting and processing the bond, including verifying information as part of the adjudication of a cancellation request or a breach determination.

Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: reviewing public records and information; contact with other Federal, State, Tribal, local, tribal, territorial and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations, contact through written correspondence, the Internet, fax, other electronic transmission, or telephone; making unannounced physical site inspections of residences and locations of employment; and interviewing people. USCIS will use the information we obtain to assess compliance with the laws and to determine whether the bond should be cancelled.

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 compliance review, verification, or site visit before a decision is made on your request. For a visit after your request is approved, USCIS will provide you with an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information which may result in revocation or termination of an approval.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: USCIS is collecting the information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 103, 212(a)(4) and 213 ((8 U.S.C. 1103, 1182(a)(4), and 1183) and Title 31 U.S.C. 7701. The collection of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (including Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Employer Identification Number (EIN) or the Social Security Number (SSN)) is authorized by Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6109) and Executive Order 9397.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for collecting this information is to provide for the posting, maintenance, cancellation, and breach determination of a public charge bond, and for the associated financial management activities, including collection of unpaid monies, and the calculation, payment, and reporting of interest.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary; however, a public charge bond cannot be accepted unless you provide the information requested on this form. For bonds secured by cash equivalents such as money orders or cashier's checks, your deposit must equal the face amount of the bond and your TIN is necessary to pay interest through the U.S. Treasury Department and to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements to report interest payments. Your TIN will also be used for the purposes of collecting and reporting information on any delinquent accounts arising out of your relationship with the Government.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may, **where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions**, share the information you provide on this form and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial 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 System and DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, **and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check**] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems, **DHS/USCIS/PIA-051 Case and Activity Management for International Operations, and DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System**] which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share this information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes, in the interest of national security, **or where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.**

For all others, as appropriate under United States law and DHS policy, the information you provide may be shared internally within DHS, as well as with Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, and foreign law enforcement; other government agencies; and other parties as appropriate for collection, enforcement, investigatory, litigation, or other purposes.

Paperwork Reduction Act

USCIS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and you are 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 **0.92 hours** per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the **application**, preparing statements, **and** attaching necessary documentation. 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, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capitol Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-0136. **Do not mail your completed Form I-945 to this address.**

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