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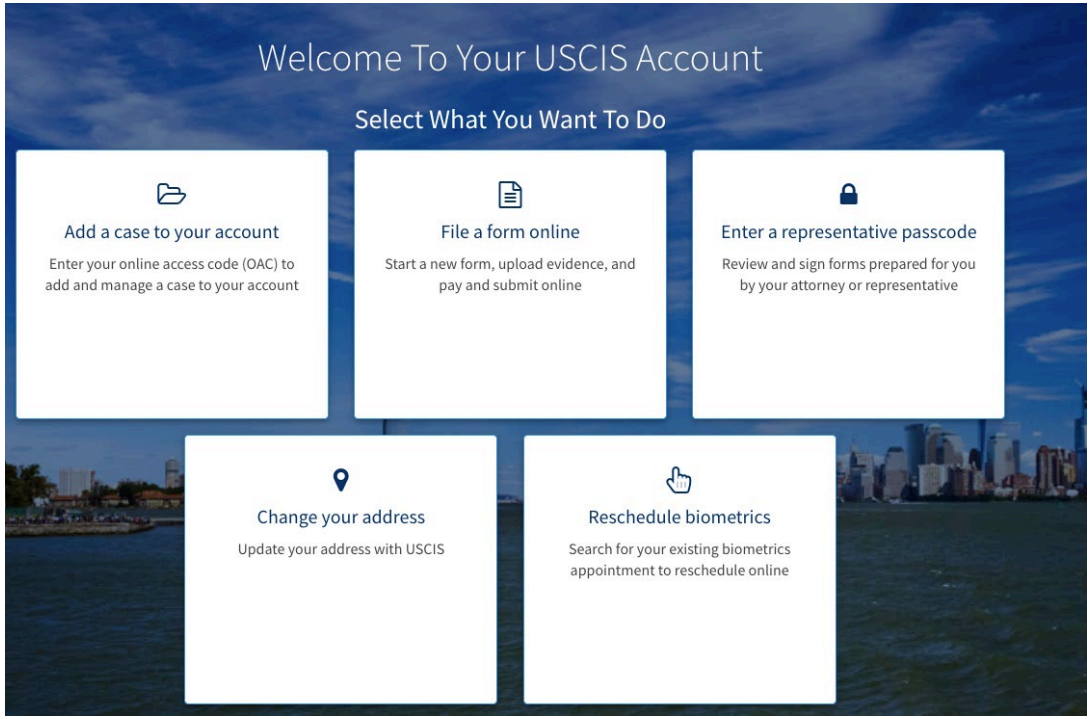
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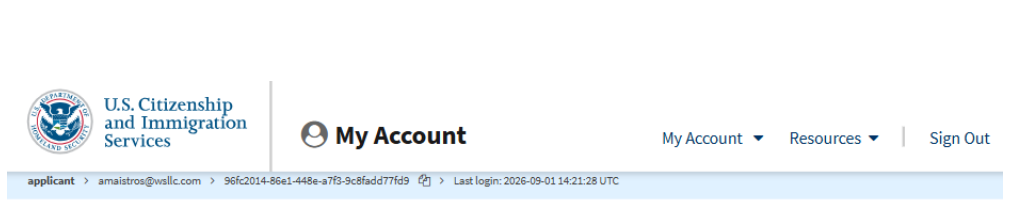
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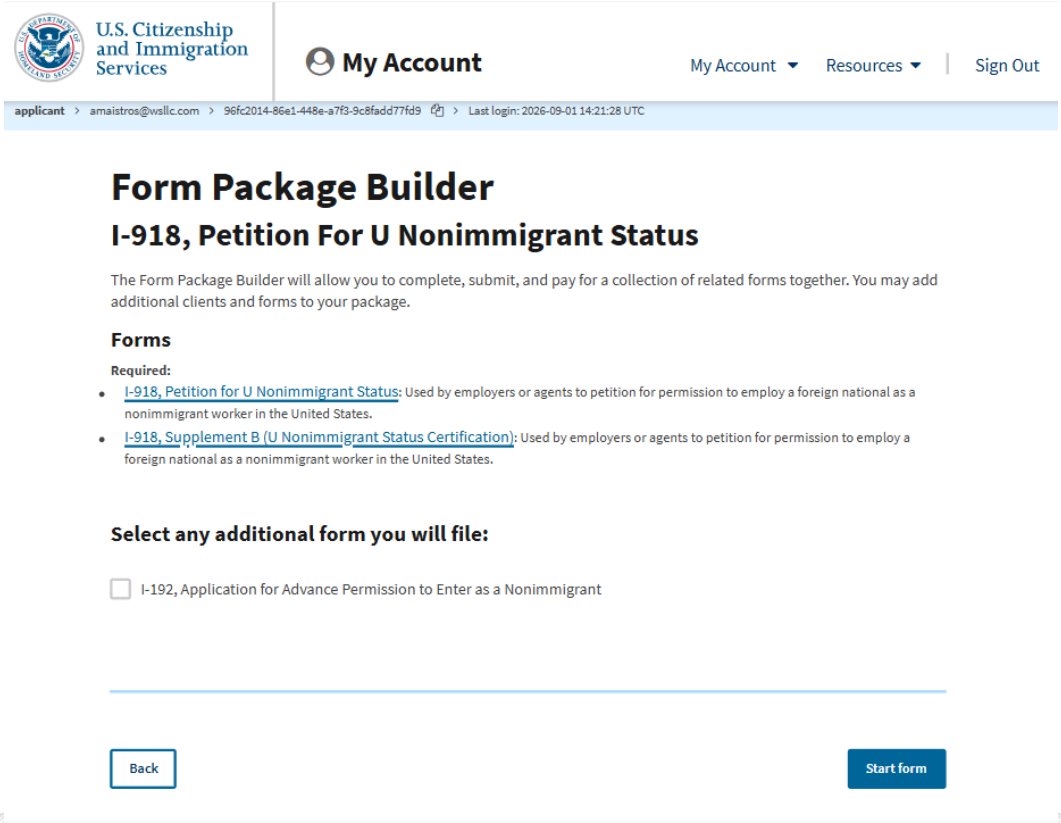


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Who May File Form I-918 and I-918 Supplement A

You, the victim, should file Form I-918. You may include your qualifying family members by filing Supplement A with your original Form I-918. You can also file Supplement A at a later date for any qualifying family members not included with your original Form I-918.

1. **Principal Petitioner.** You must demonstrate all of the following:
    - **A.** You are a victim of criminal activity designated in section 101(a)(15)(U)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Such activity is defined as being the victim of one or more of the following or any similar activity in violation of Federal, state, or local criminal law:
        - (1) Abduction
        - (2) Abusive Sexual Contact
        - (3) Attempt to Commit Any of the Named Crimes
        - (4) Being Held Hostage
        - (5) Blackmail
        - (6) Conspiracy to Commit Any of the Named Crimes
        - (7) Domestic Violence
        - (8) Extortion
        - (9) False Imprisonment
        - (10) Felonious Assault
        - (11) Female Genital Mutilation
        - (12) Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting
        - (13) Incest
        - (14) Involuntary Servitude
        - (15) Kidnapping
        - (16) Manslaughter
        - (17) Murder
        - (18) Obstruction of Justice
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        - (20) Perjury
        - (21) Prostitution
        - (22) Rape
        - (23) Sexual Assault
        - (24) Sexual Exploitation
        - (25) Slave Trade
        - (26) Solicitation to Commit Any of the Named Crimes
        - (27) Stalking

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- (28) Torture
- (29) Trafficking
- (30) Unlawful Criminal Restraint
- (31) Witness Tampering

- **B.** You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of qualifying criminal activity;
- **C.** You possess information concerning the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim;
- **D.** A Federal, state, or local government official investigating or prosecuting a qualifying criminal activity certifies (using Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification) that you were, are, or are likely to be helpful to the official in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal act of which you are a victim; and
- **E.** The criminal activity of which you are a victim violated the laws of the United States or occurred in the United States (including Indian country and military installations) or the territories and possessions of the United States.
  - (1) United States means the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
  - (2) Indian country refers to all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and including rights-of-way running through the reservation; all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States, whether within the original or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a state; and all Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through such allotments.
  - (3) Military installation means any facility, base, camp, post, encampment, station, yard, center, port, aircraft, vehicle, or vessel under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, or any other location under military control.
  - (4) Territories and possessions of the United States means American Samoa, Swains Island, Bajo Nuevo (the Petrel Islands), Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Atoll, Navassa Island, CNMI, Palmyra Atoll, Serranilla Bank, and Wake Atoll.

2. Principal Petitioner filing for a qualifying family member, **or currently holding U-1 status** and filing for a qualifying family member. You must also demonstrate that:
   - **A.** If you are under 21 years of age on the date your petition is received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the qualifying family members for whom you are filing are your:
     - (1) Spouse;
     - (2) Unmarried children under 21 years of age;
     - (3) Parents; and/or
     - (4) Unmarried siblings under 18 years of age.
   - **B.** If you are over 21 years of age on the date your petition is received by USCIS, the qualifying family members for whom you are filing are your:
     - (1) Spouse; and/or
     - (2) Unmarried children under 21 years of age.

Fee

There is no filing fee for Form I-918 or Supplement A.

Documents you may need

We will automatically determine which documents you should provide us as you fill out your petition. At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed.

Biometrics 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.

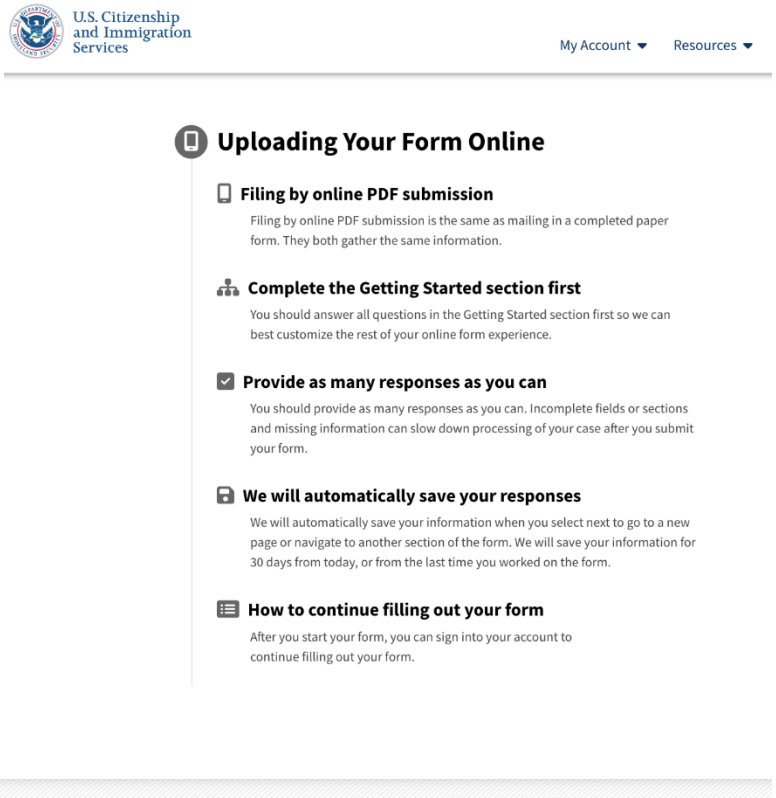
At your biometrics appointment, you must sign an oath reaffirming that:
1. You provided or authorized all information in the form,
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your form, and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

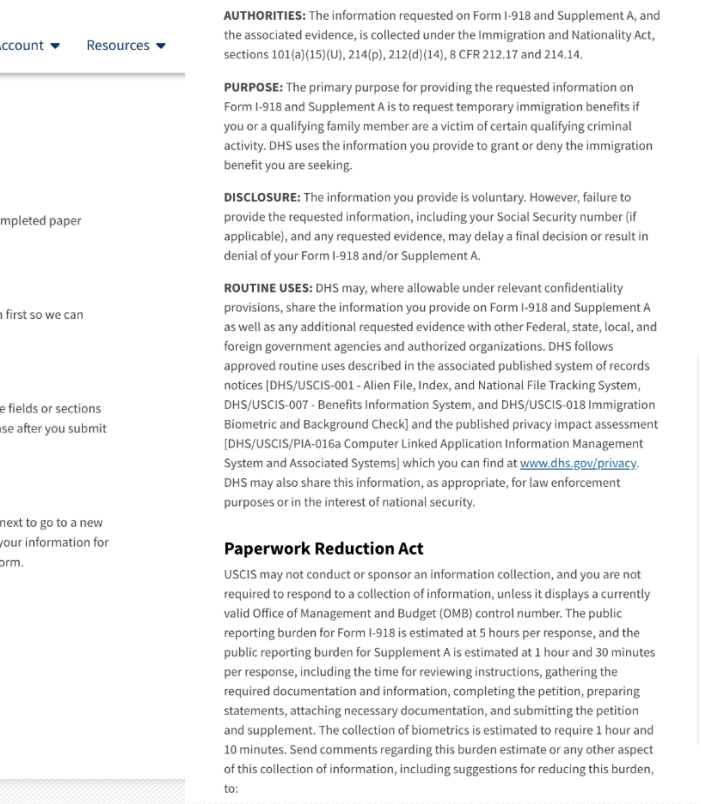
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I-918 Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification

Use this supplement to certify that an individual submitting Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, is a victim of certain qualifying criminal activity and was, is, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of that activity.

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Who May File Supplement B?

If you, the certifying official, determine that this individual (also known as the petitioner and principal) was, is, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity, you may complete Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification. The petitioner must submit Supplement B to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with his or her Form I-918.

"Investigation or prosecution" refers to the detection or investigation of a qualifying crime or criminal activity, as well as to the prosecution, conviction, or sentencing of the perpetrator of the qualifying crime or criminal activity.

NOTE: The decision whether to complete Supplement B is at the discretion of the certifying agency. However, without a completed Supplement B, the petitioner will be ineligible for U nonimmigrant status.

To be eligible for U nonimmigrant status, the petitioner must be a victim of qualifying criminal activity. The term "victim" generally means an individual who has suffered direct and proximate harm as a result of the commission of qualifying criminal activity.

USCIS will consider the petitioner's spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age, and the parents and unmarried siblings under 18 years of age if the victim is under 21 years of age, as victims of qualifying criminal activity where:

1. The direct victim is deceased due to murder or manslaughter; or
2. The direct victim is incompetent or incapacitated and, therefore, unable to provide information concerning the criminal activity or unable to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity.

USCIS will consider a petitioner a victim of witness tampering, obstruction of justice, or perjury, including any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit one or more of those offenses if:

1. The victim was directly and proximately harmed by the perpetrator of the witness tampering, obstruction of justice, or perjury; and
2. There are reasonable grounds to conclude that the perpetrator committed the witness tampering, obstruction of justice, or perjury offense, at least in principal part, as a means:
   A. To avoid or frustrate efforts to investigate, arrest, prosecute, or otherwise bring to justice the perpetrator for other criminal activity; or
   B. To further the perpetrator's abuse or exploitation of or undue control over the petitioner through manipulation of the legal system.

NOTE: A person who is culpable for the qualifying criminal activity being investigated or prosecuted is excluded from being recognized as a victim.

A victim of qualifying criminal activity must provide evidence that he or she has been, is being, or is likely to be helpful to a certifying official in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity as listed in **Part 3.** of this supplement. In the case of a petitioner under 16 years of age or a petitioner who is incapacitated or incompetent, the parent, guardian, or "next friend" of the petitioner may provide evidence on behalf of the petitioner to be helpful to a certifying official's investigation. "Next friend" is a person who appears in a lawsuit to act for the benefit of a victim under 16 years of age or incapacitated or incompetent, who has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of being a victim of qualifying criminal activity. The next friend is not a party to the legal proceeding and is not appointed as a guardian. Being "helpful" means assisting law enforcement authorities in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which he or she is a victim.

NOTE: Once you, the certifying official, have completed Supplement B, it will be valid for six months from the date of signature. If the victim does not file Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, within six months, the victim will need to obtain a new Supplement B from the certifying agency.

Fee

This form does not require a filing fee.

Documents you may need

When you file your petition, you must submit all evidence and supporting documents listed in the Form I-918B Instructions.

Language Access

USCIS ensures that individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access to USCIS services. Individuals with LEP may bring a qualified interpreter to the interview. USCIS considers requests for language assistance on a case-by-case basis, and we will make a reasonable effort to provide you with a qualified interpreter.

Disability Accommodations/Modifications

To request a disability accommodation/modification, follow the instructions on your appointment notice or at www.uscis.gov/accommodationsinfo.

Translations

If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that they are competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must include their signature, printed name, the signature date, and their contact information.

USCIS Contact Center

For additional information on the form and Instructions about where to file, address change, and other questions, visit the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish.

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After You Submit Your Application, Petition, or Request

Initial Processing

If you file your Form I-918B online by completing and uploading your PDF form, we will check it for completeness. It may take up to 30 days for us to complete initial processing. You will receive a notification in your USCIS online account after your form has completed initial processing.

If your online PDF submission did not meet the criteria for initial processing, we will mail you a notice explaining why your submission could not be processed.

Mailed Receipt Notice

If your online PDF submission meets the criteria for initial processing, we will mail you a Receipt Notice to the mailing addresses provided on your form.

Track your case online

After you submit your form, you can track its status through your USCIS account. Sign into your account often to check your case status and read any important messages from USCIS.

Respond to requests for information

If we need more information from you, we will send you a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Request for Information (RFI). You can respond to our request and upload your documents through your USCIS account.

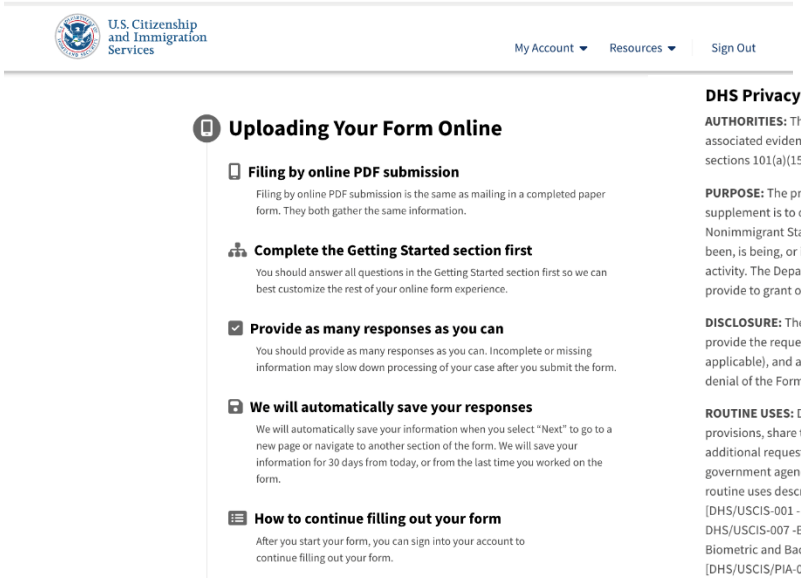
Receive your decision

The decision on Form I-918B involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing.

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Filing by online PDF submission

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Complete the Getting Started section first

You should answer all questions in the Getting Started section first so we can best customize the rest of your online form experience.

Provide as many responses as you can

You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete or missing information may slow down processing of your case after you submit the form.

We will automatically save your responses

We will automatically save your information when you select "Next" to go to a new page or navigate to another section of the form. We will save your information for 30 days from today, or from the last time you worked on the form.

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After you start your form, you can sign into your account to continue filling out your form.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this supplement, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, sections 101(a)(15)(U) and Public Law 106-386, section 1513(c).

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this supplement is to certify that an individual submitting a Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, is a victim of certain qualifying criminal activity and has been, is being, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of that activity. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uses the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit the petitioner is 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 the Form I-918 petition.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this supplement 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-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-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management system and Associated Systems] which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

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 current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for Supplement B is estimated at 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the supplement, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the supplement. 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 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140
Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009

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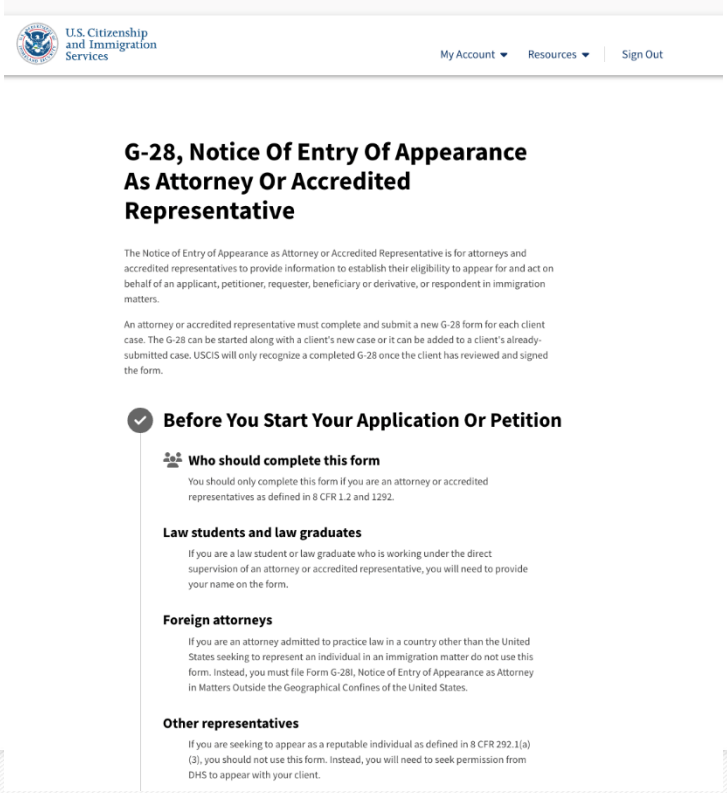
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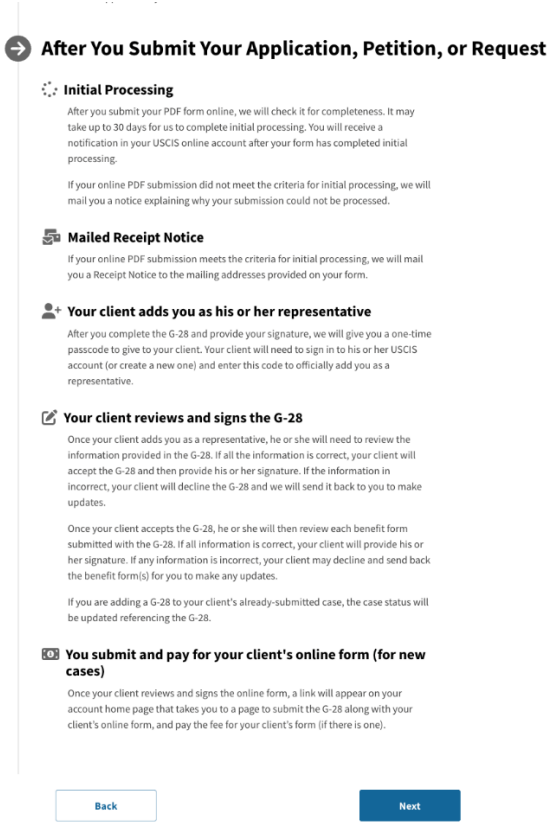
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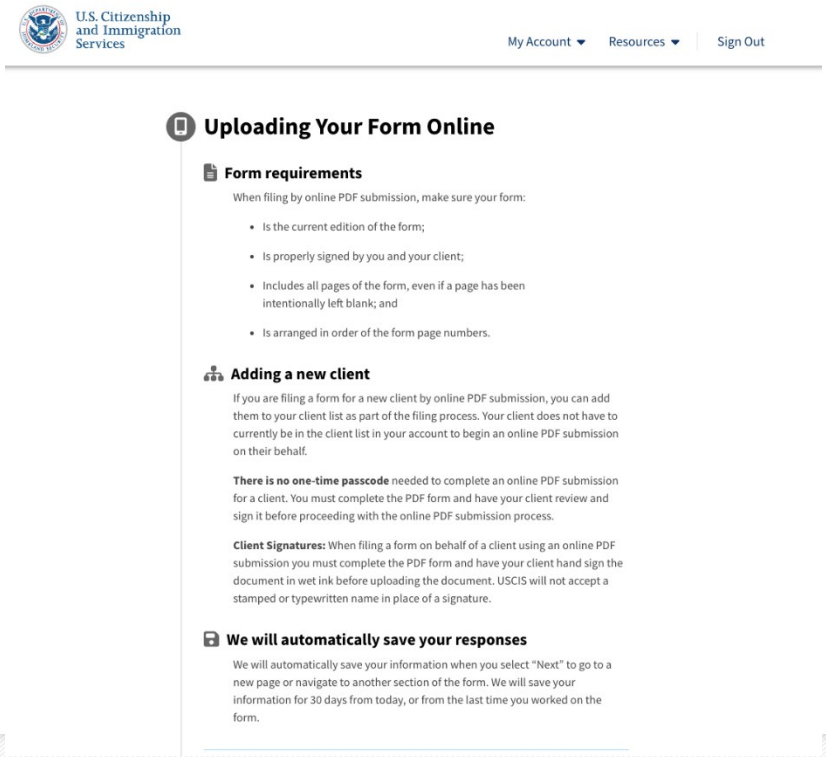
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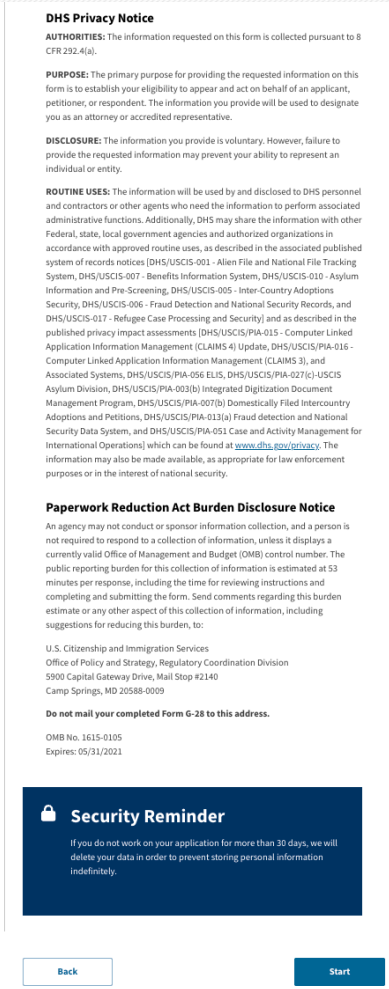




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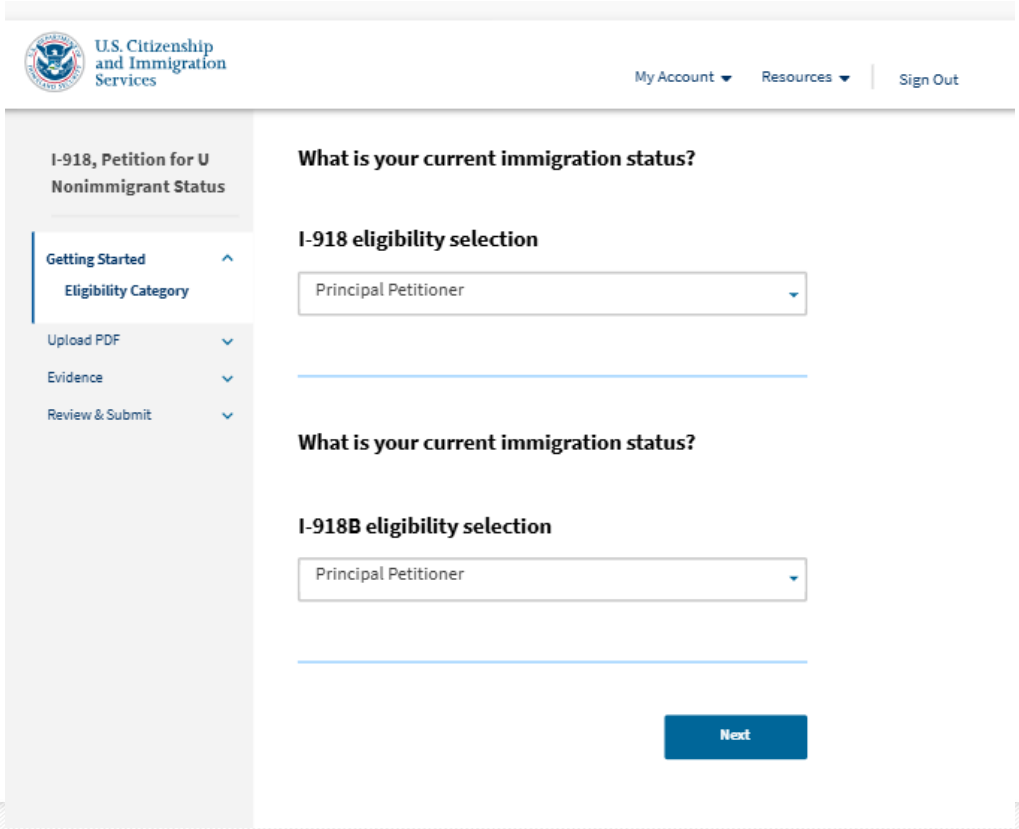
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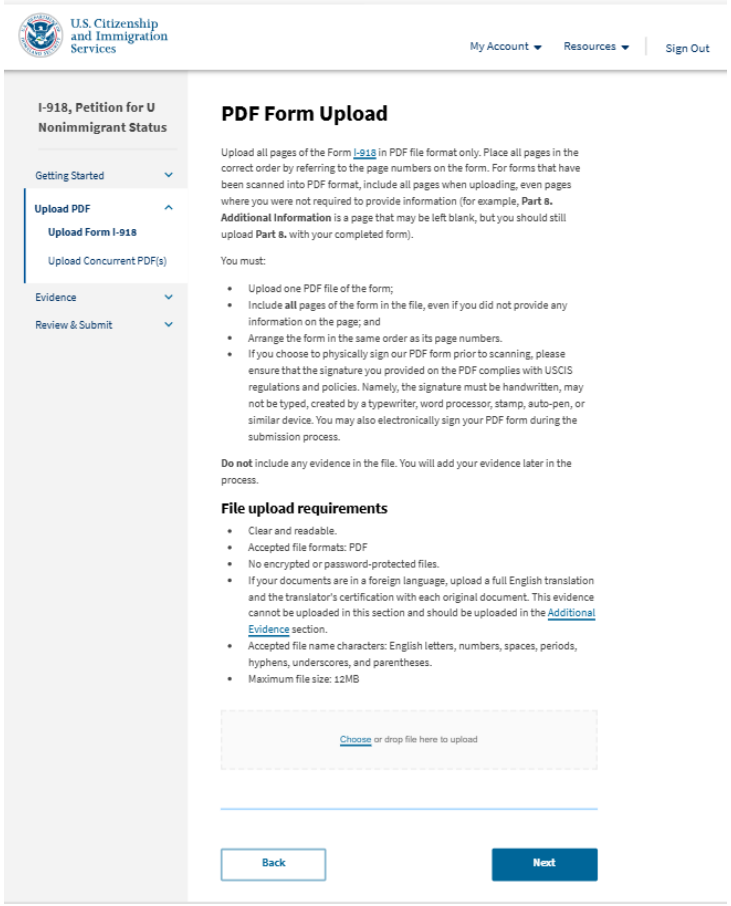


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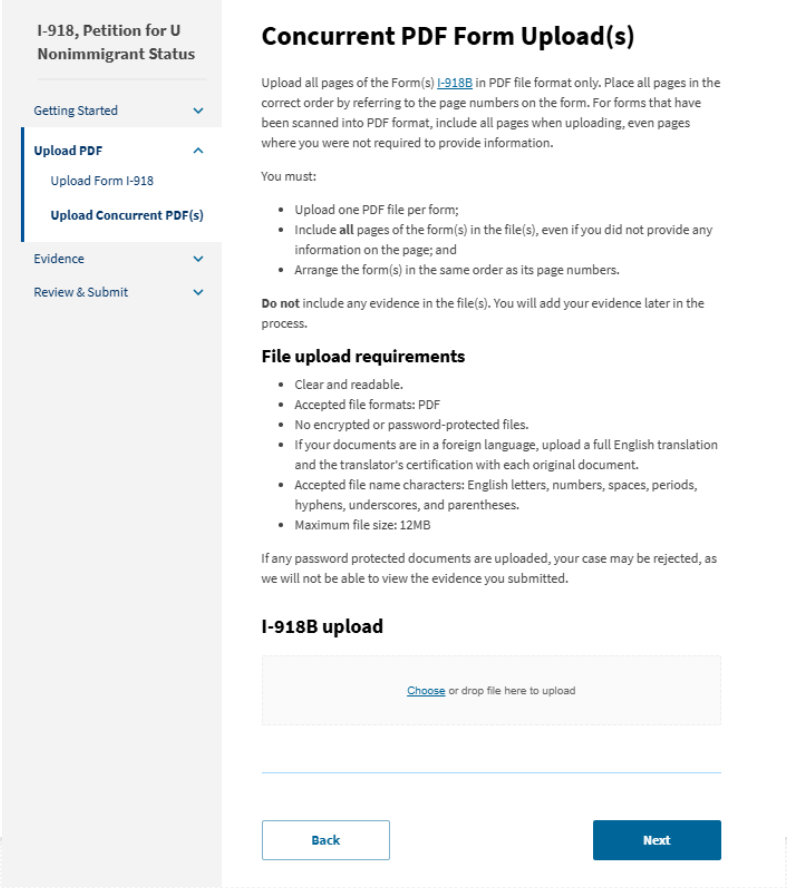


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Evidence You Are the Victim of Qualifying Criminal Activity

You must demonstrate you have suffered direct and proximate harm as a result of the commission of qualifying criminal activity. You must include with your Form I-918 evidence establishing you are a victim of qualifying criminal activity. You may use Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement and include additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. A non-exhaustive list of the types of evidence you must submit includes, but is not limited to:

A. Trial transcripts

B. Court documents

C. Police reports

D. News articles

E. Affidavits

F. Orders of protection

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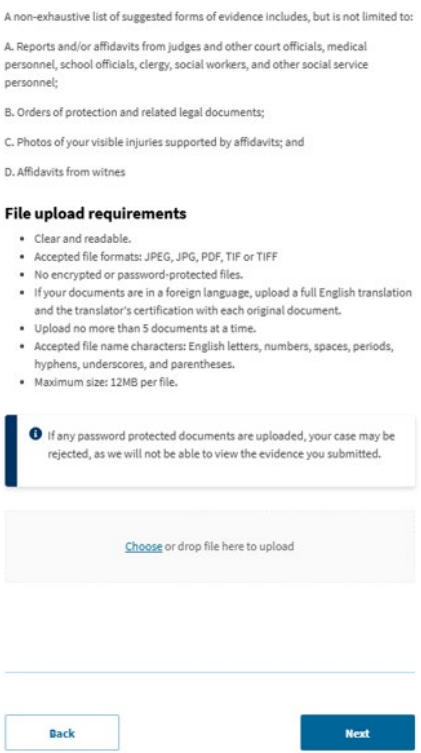
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Evidence You Have Suffered Substantial Physical or Mental Abuse
You must present credible evidence that demonstrates you suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of qualifying criminal activity. You may use Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement and include additional evidence you want USCIS to consider.
The evidence must show the nature and severity of the abuse you suffered. Factors USCIS will consider to determine whether the abuse is substantial include:
A. The nature of the injury inflicted;
B. The severity of the perpetrator's conduct;
C. The severity of the harm you suffered;
D. The duration of the infliction of the harm; and
E. The extent to which there is permanent or serious harm to your appearance, health, or physical or mental soundness.
No single factor is a prerequisite to establish that the abuse suffered was substantial, nor does the existence of one or more of the factors automatically create a presumption that the abuse was substantial. If the criminal activity caused the aggravation of a pre-existing physical or mental injury, USCIS will consider that aggravation in evaluating whether the harm constitutes substantial physical or mental abuse. If the criminal activity involved a series of acts or occurred repeatedly over a period of time, document the pattern of abuse. USCIS will consider the abuse in its totality. USCIS may consider a series of acts taken together to have caused substantial physical or mental abuse even where no single act alone rises to that level.
You are encouraged to provide and document all credible evidence, particularly when documenting a pattern of abuse.


A non-exhaustive list of suggested forms of evidence includes, but is not limited to:
A. Reports and/or affidavits from judges and other court officials, medical personnel, school officials, clergy, social workers, and other social service personnel;
B. Orders of protection and related legal documents;
C. Photos of your visible injuries supported by affidavits; and
D. Affidavits from witnes
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Evidence You Possess Information Concerning Qualifying Criminal Activity

You must submit evidence demonstrating you possess information concerning the qualifying criminal activity of which you were a victim.

You must demonstrate that you have knowledge of details concerning the criminal activity that would assist in the investigation or prosecution of that criminal activity.

You may use Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement and include additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. Additional evidence to establish you possess information about the qualifying criminal activity may include, but is not limited to, reports and affidavits from police, judges, and other court officials.

In cases where the petitioner is a child under 16 years of age or is incapacitated or incompetent, the parent, guardian, or "next friend" can satisfy this requirement by submitting the evidence on behalf of the petitioner. "Next friend" is a person who appears in a lawsuit to act for the benefit of a victim under 16 years of age or incapacitated or incompetent, who has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of being a victim of qualifying criminal activity. The next friend is not a party to the legal proceeding and is not appointed as a guardian. Evidence to meet this eligibility requirement must include documents establishing the age, incapacity, or incompetence of the victim.

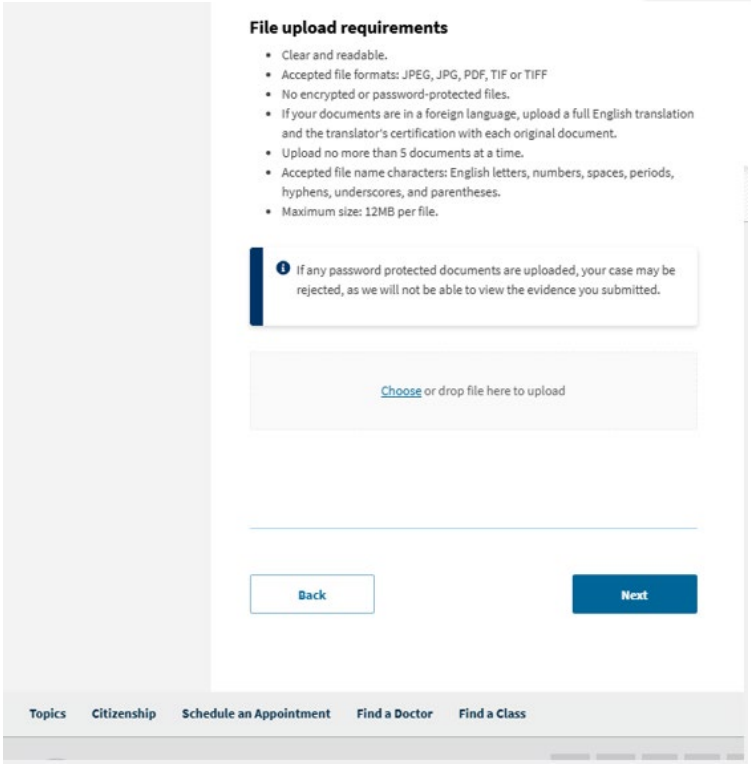
Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to:

A. Birth certificate of the petitioner

B. Court documents demonstrating recognition of an individual as the petitioner's next friend

C. Medical records

D. Reports of licensed medical professionals demonstrating the incapacity or incompetence of the petitioner

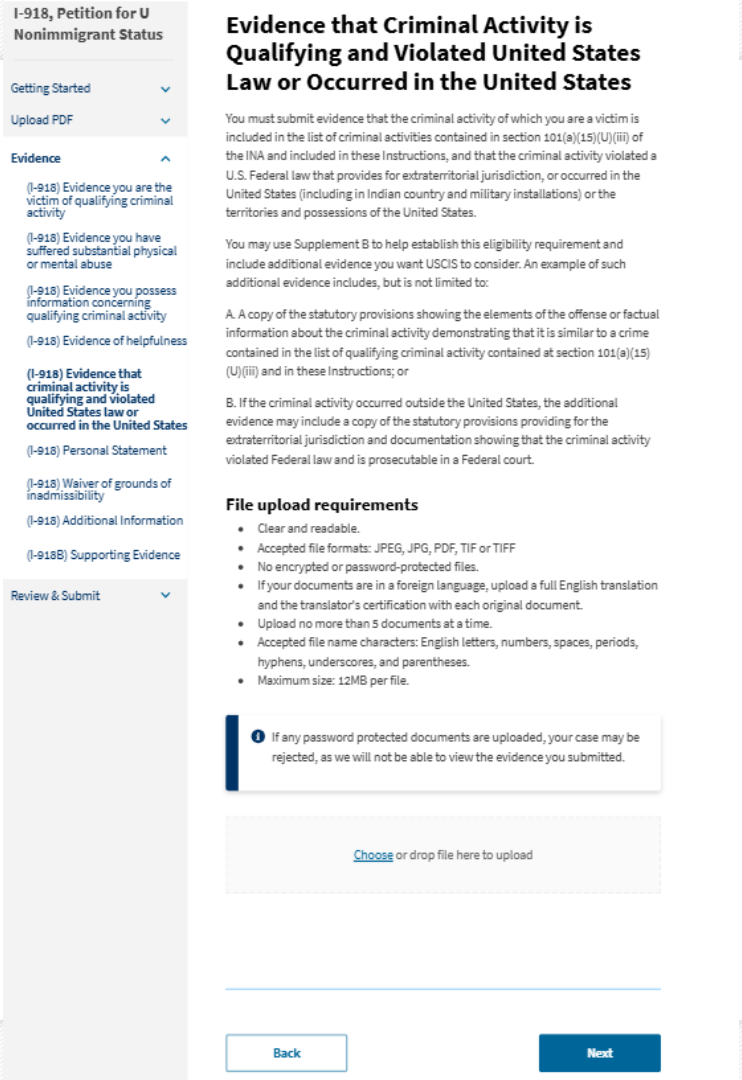


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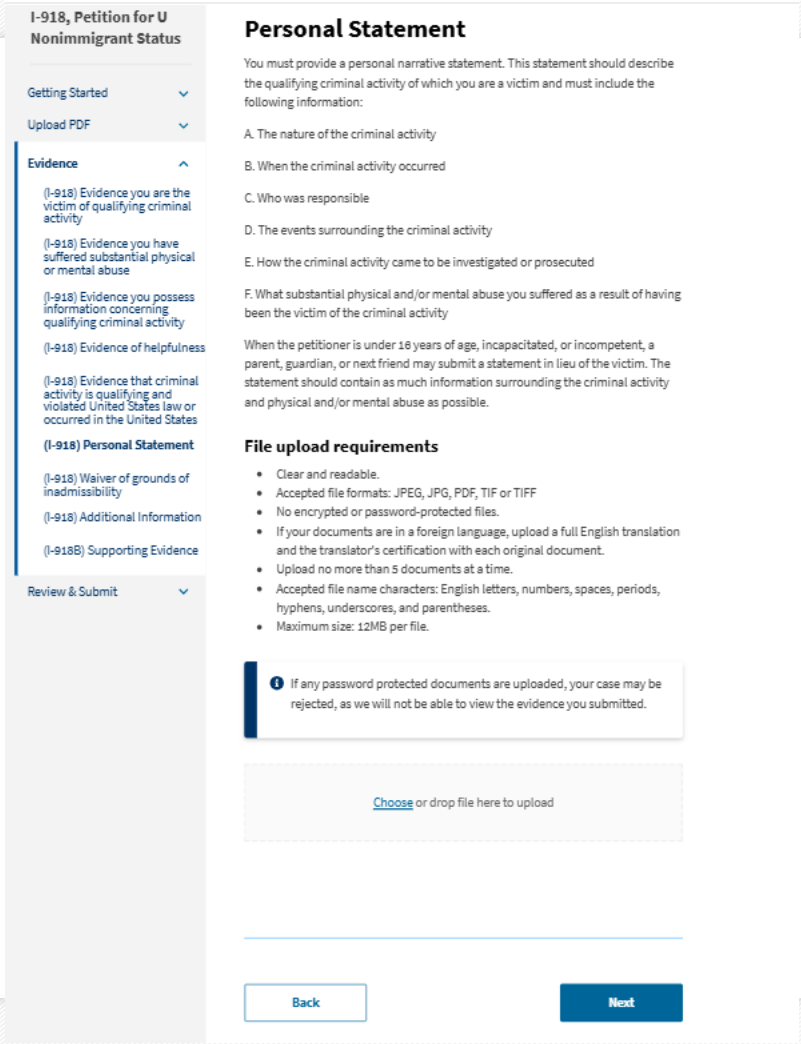
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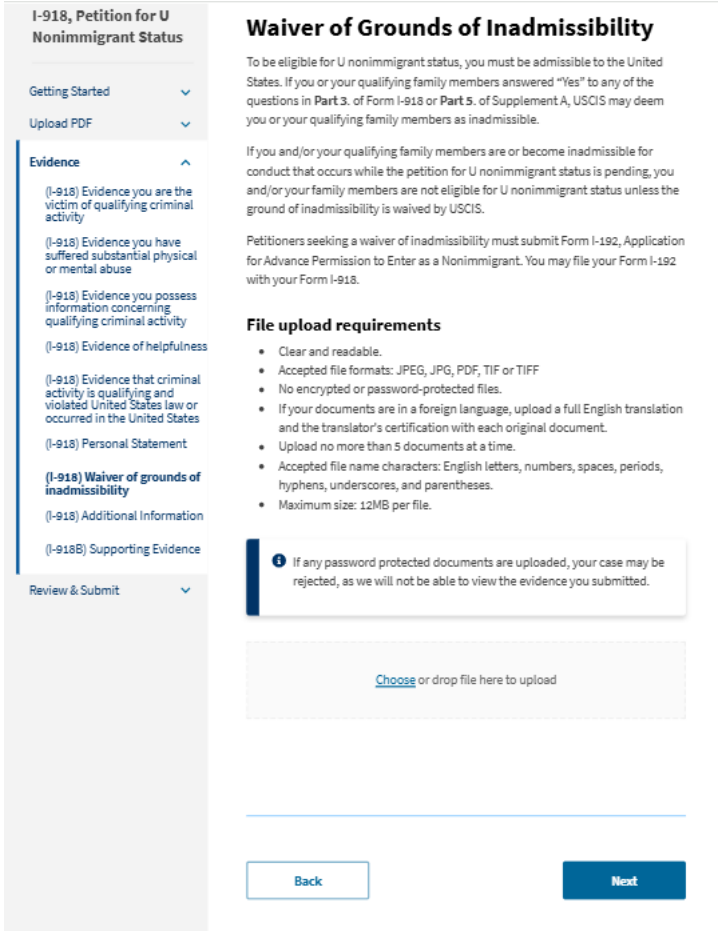
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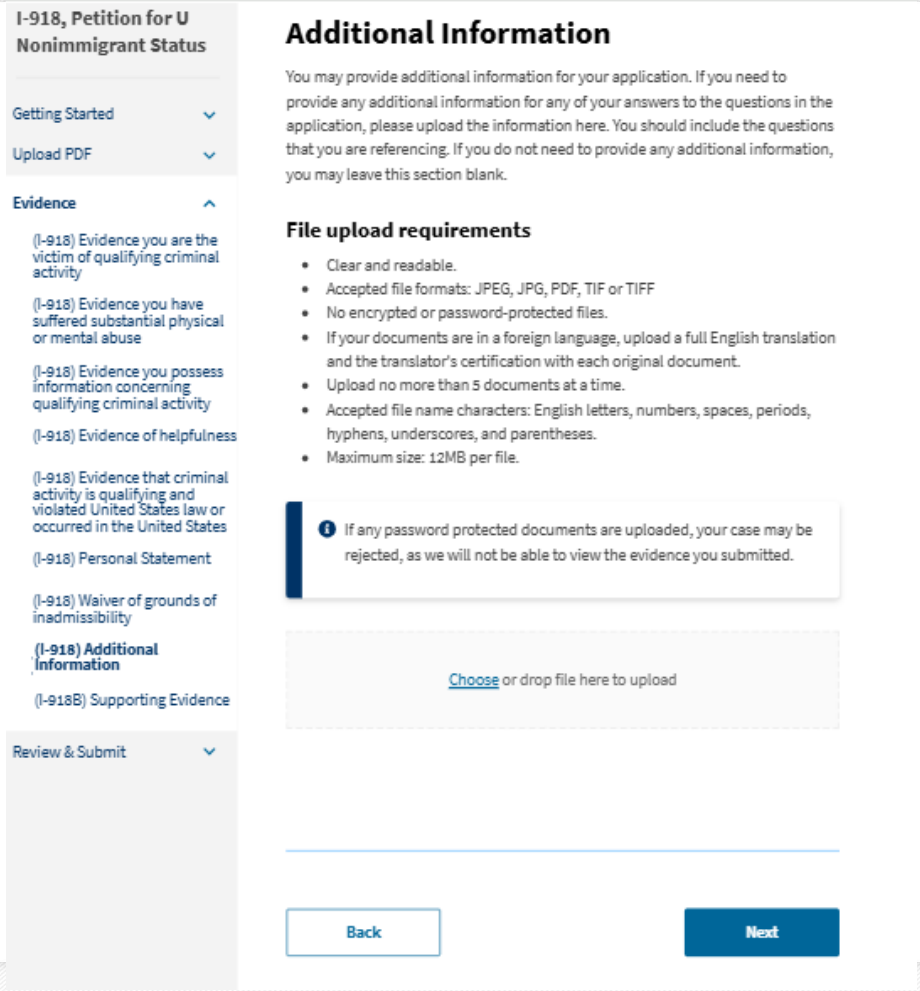
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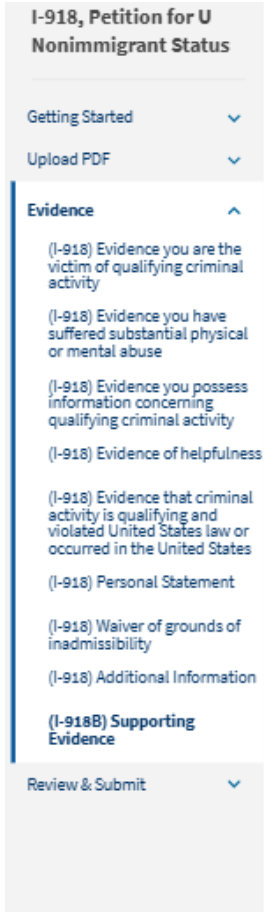
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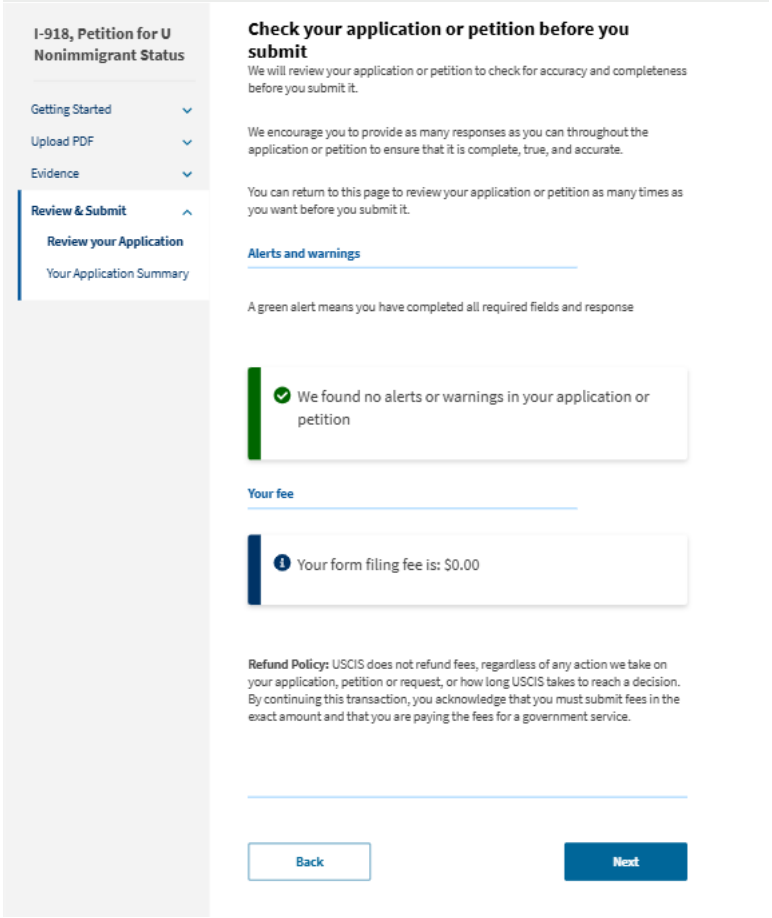


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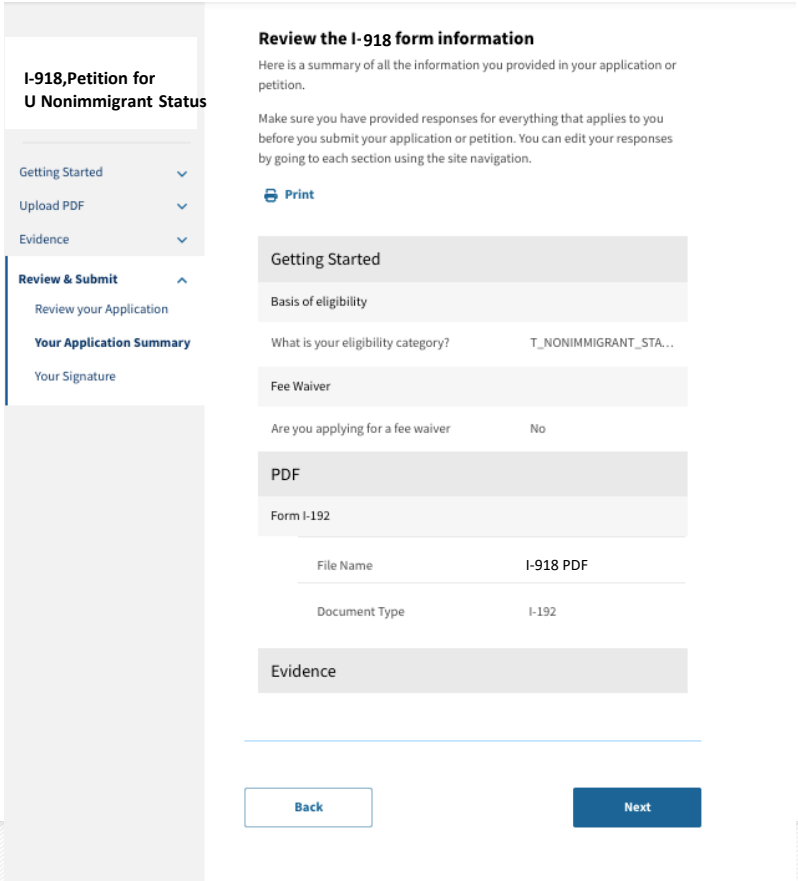
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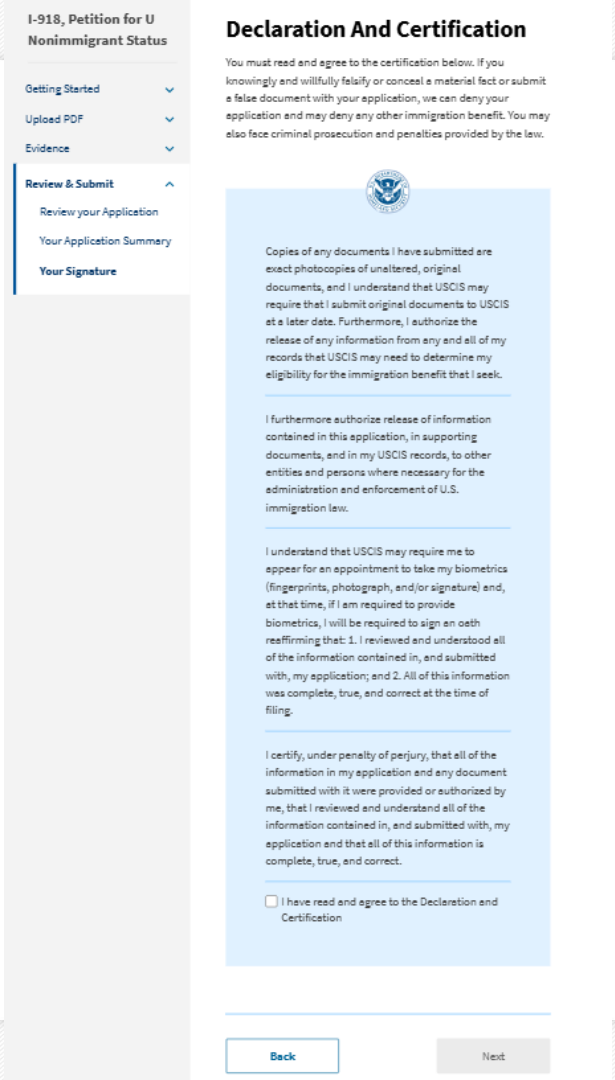
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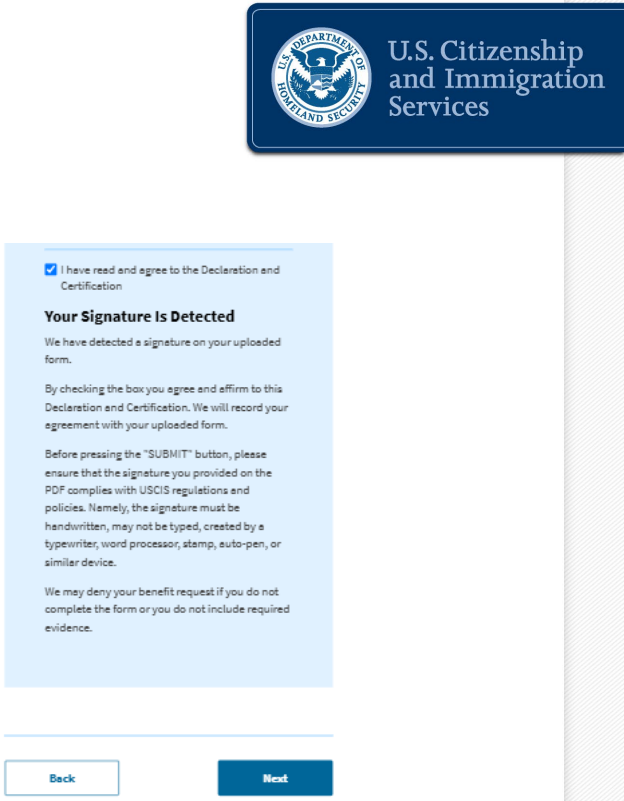
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