

Volume II – General E-Filing Overview

Purpose

Volume II – General E-Filing Overview provides an overview of the E-Filing system process and the applications currently available for E-Filing. The following topics are addressed in this document:

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- [General E-Filing Process Steps](#)
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What Is E-Filing?

E-Filing Is...

E-Filing is a quick, easy, and convenient alternative for you or your representative to complete, pay for, and submit applications to USCIS at anytime, from any computer with Internet access.

Upon completion of the E-Filing session, you will receive:

- Instant electronic confirmation of successful application submission; and,
- “Next Steps” instructions for submitting supporting documentation and/or visiting an Application Support Center (ASC) to have your fingerprints and/or photograph digitally captured, if applicable.

E-Filing Is Not...

USCIS does not give priority to E-Filing application submissions over paper-based application submissions, because this would place customers without computer access at a disadvantage. With an E-Filed or paper-based application submission, both will be processed in the same queue, manner, and date order in which USCIS receives the application(s).

General E-Filing Process Steps

A process flowchart, summarizing the general applicant E-Filing process, is provided on the next page for your reference. Steps 1 – 2 apply to all

applicants and Steps 3 – 4 are only required for those applicants requiring a visit to the ASC to perform biometrics capture.

After you submit your application, USCIS will:

- Send you an official paper receipt, Form I-797, Notice of Action, within 5-10 days after receiving your application;
- Conduct Federal mandated background checks;
- Set up your case file;
- File any supporting documentation you send in to your case file;
- Electronically link any required biometric data transmitted from an ASC;
- Adjudicate your application to determine if your benefit will be granted.

USCIS Applications Available for E-Filing

USCIS has implemented the following applications for E-Filing:

- Form I-90, Application to Replace Alien Registration Card ([Volume V](#))
- Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker ([Volume VI](#))
 - I-129W, H-1B Data Collection and Filing Fee Exemption (provided as a supplemental form to I-129)
- Form I-129S, Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition ([Volume VII](#))
- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document ([Volume VIII](#))
- Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker ([Volume IX](#))
- Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status ([Volume X](#))
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization ([Volume XI](#))
- Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status ([Volume XII](#))
- Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service ([Volume XIII](#))
- Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative ([Volume XIV](#))

The E-Filing Process

