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USCIS Update

New Application and Petition Fees Go Into Effect on July 30, 2007

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds its customers that the agency's [new fee schedule](#) is effective on Monday, July 30, 2007. Applications or petitions postmarked or otherwise filed on or after that date must include the new fee.

USCIS announced the new fee schedule in May following a comprehensive review of nearly 4,000 public comments. The final fee schedule includes a reduction in fees for some families applying for adjustment of status, expands fee waiver and exemption eligibility, and allows a one-time free extension of orphan petitions for prospective adoptive parents. Overall, application and petition fees will increase, on average, about 66 percent.

For more information concerning the final fee schedule, we invite you to visit USCIS' Web site at www.uscis.gov/21stCenturyService. There, you can learn how the agency will *Build an Immigration Service for the 21st Century* based upon this new fee structure.

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