

**Instructions for I-212, Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission Into the United States After Deportation or Removal****Instructions**

Submit application in duplicate.

**Persons Permitted to Reapply for Admission Without Filing This Application.**

1. Persons who were excluded from admission and removed or deported *more than one year ago*.
2. Persons who voluntarily departed from the United States without expense to the U.S. Government and without an order of removal or deportation having been entered.
3. Persons who have been outside the United States for five successive years following their last removal or deportation.

**Where to Submit Your Application?**

1. If you are abroad and intend to apply for an immigrant visa, submit the application to the District Director or Field Office Director of U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Services (USCIS) of the district where your removal or deportation proceedings were held, unless you are concurrently applying for a waiver of inadmissibility under section 212 (g), (h) or (i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended.
2. In the latter event, this application should be filed with the American Consul with whom you are filing your application for a waiver of the grounds of inadmissibility. If you are abroad and intend to apply to an American Consul for a nonimmigrant visa or a border crossing card, this application should be filed with the American Consul with whom you are also filing your application for a nonimmigrant visa or border crossing card, if requested to do so by the Consul.
3. If you are at a port of entry applying for admission into the United States, submit the application to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) field office having jurisdiction over that port.

If you are in the United States and will file an application for waiver under section 212 (g), (h) or (i) of the INA with an American Consul, you should file this application and the application for the waiver simultaneously with the American Consul.

If you are in the United States and are applying for adjustment of your status under section 245 of the INA, or are seeking to be granted advance permission to reapply prior to your departure from the United States, submit the application to the USCIS District Director having jurisdiction over the place where you are residing.

**What Must Accompany Your Application?**

1. Attach all correspondence that you have in your possession relating to your deportation or removal.
2. If you have listed any relative under **Item 18** on the form, you must submit documentary evidence of your relationship to that person. In addition, if such person is a U.S. citizen, you must submit proof of his or her citizenship. If he or she is not a U.S. citizen, you must furnish such person's full name, date and place of birth and place of admission to the United States, and his or her Alien Registration Number (A#), if known.

**What Is the Filing Fee?**

The filing fee for a Form I-212 is **\$545.00**.

The fee cannot be refunded, regardless of the action taken on the application. **Do not mail cash**. All fees must be submitted in the exact amount.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-212 fee:

1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and
2. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, unless:
  - A. If you live in Guam and are filing your petition there, make it payable to **Treasurer, Guam**.
  - B. If you live in the U.S. Virgin Islands and are filing your petition there, make it payable to **Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands**.
  - C. If you live outside the United States, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, contact the nearest U.S. consulate or embassy for instructions on the method of payment.

**NOTE:** Please spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."

**Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.** If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.

#### **How to Check If the Fees Are Correct.**

The form fee on this form is current as of the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit our website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), select "Immigration Forms" and check the appropriate fee;
2. Review the Fee Schedule included in your form package, if you called us to request the form; or
3. Telephone our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information.

#### **Address Changes.**

If you change your address and you have an application or petition pending with USCIS, you may change your address on-line at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), click on "Change your address with USCIS" and follow the prompts or by completing and mailing Form AR-11, Alien's Change of Address Card, to:

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Change of Address  
P.O. Box 7134  
London, KY 40742-7134**

For commercial overnight or fast freight services only, mail to:

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Change of Address  
1084-I South Laurel Road  
London, KY 40744**

#### **Processing Information.**

**Acceptance.** Any application that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that the application is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the application. However, an application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

**Initial Processing.** Once the application has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form or file it without the required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility and we may deny your application.

**Requests for More Information.** We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer needed.

**Decision.** The decision on the Form I-212 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

#### **USCIS Forms and Information.**

To order USCIS forms, call our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You can also get USCIS forms and information on immigration laws, regulations and procedures by telephoning our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** or visiting our internet website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access the system, visit our website. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

#### **Penalties.**

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form I-212, we will deny the Form I-212 and may deny any other immigration benefit.

In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

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### **Privacy Act Notice.**

We ask for the information on this form, and associated evidence, to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. Our legal right to ask for this information can be found in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. We may provide this information to other government agencies. Failure to provide this information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form I-212.

### **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 OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at two hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and submitting the form. 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 Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., 3rd Floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. OMB No. 1615-0018. **Do not mail your application to this address.**