



NIHisbNews Alert for October 25, 2005

USCIS fee Increase

This is a reminder that USCIS announced an increase in fees for immigration applications, petitions and biometric services. In general, fees are being increased from about \$5 to \$20. The new fees become effective tomorrow, Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

Any applications or petitions received on or after October 26 are subject to the new fee. The impact to our most commonly used forms is:

I-129 for H, O and TN petition:

Current: \$185

New Rate: \$190

I-539 (for change of status and dependent use)

Current: \$195

New Rate: \$200

I-140 (used for immigrant petitions)

Current: \$190

New Rate: \$195

I-765 (used to obtain employment authorization document)

Current: \$175

New Rate: \$180

DIS Retreat

This is a reminder that DIS will be holding a retreat this Thursday (Oct. 27) and Friday (Oct. 28) to review our processes and procedures. Due to this, we will be unavailable on Thursday afternoon for our normal walk-in advising (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm). On Friday, we will be unavailable for our morning EOD/check-in process (9:30 am to 11:30 am). A reminder on the EOD/check-in process is [here](#). A reminder on walk-in advising is [here](#).

Normal Walk-in and EOD hours will resume on Monday (Oct. 31). In case of an emergency during this time (such as a Department of Homeland Security problem), please call our usual office number (301-496-6166) and your message will be forwarded to us. In addition, you may also email us at zapatac@mail.nih.gov or powersa@mail.nih.gov.

New DIS Staff

DIS recently added three new staff members. Many of you have already worked with them. We want to take this opportunity to briefly introduce them to all of you:

Linda Kiefer (Team A): Linda brings five years of professional experience in the field of international education from the University of Missouri—Kansas City where she worked as a Designated School Official for F-1 students and Alternate Responsible Officer for J-1 Exchange Visitors. She also has experience in nonresident income tax issues, having served as coordinator of the international VITA site on campus. Additionally, her experience in international education includes time spent as an exchange student, certified instructor of English as a Second Language, and resident of Japan. Linda holds a bachelor's. in Communication and Japanese and has completed 18 hours toward a master's degree in higher education administration.

Michelle DeNamur (Team B): Originally from Texas, Michelle has been in the field of international education for five years. Prior to joining NIH, Michelle was the primary immigration coordinator for Georgetown Law. She possess two bachelor degrees from Trinity University (Texas), one in French and one in International Studies, as well as a master's in International Development from American University.

Joshua Kysiak (Team C): Before joining DIS, Joshua served for three years as Assistant Director in the Office of International Affairs at the University of Chicago. He has over six years of experience in the field of International Education (three of which focusing on immigration issues). He earned a master's. in Modern European history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received his bachelor's. in East European and Russian/Soviet history at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.