



OLSEN LAW FIRM IMMIGRATION NEWSLETTER

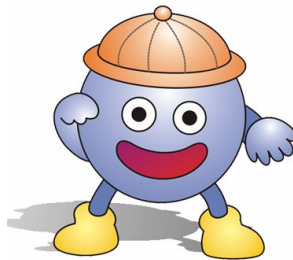
OCTOBER 2006

VOLUME 3

In this issue:

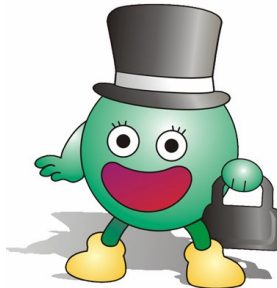
Expansion of Premium Process	2-3
Expansion of Pilot Program	3
Direct Filed I-565	4
Quick Information Bytes	5

We welcome you to meet the Immis! They help us simplify the immigration process for you. The Immis are in every issue of our newsletter and act as your personal guides to various immigration topics.



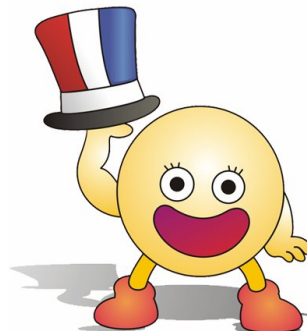
Immi Jr.

Immi Jr. will address nonimmigrant issues



Immi

Immi will address immigrant issues



Citizen Immi

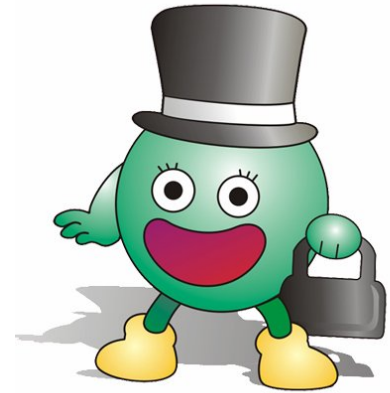
Immi will address citizenship issues

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- Immigration Related Web Sites 6
- Olsen Law Firm Contact Information 7

IMMEDIATE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES

Immi says: Look!! All applicants, the USCIS has expanded the Premium Processing Service to EB-1, EB-2, and EB-3 categories.



USCIS TO EXPAND PREMIUM PROCESSING SERVICE

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the addition of three new categories to the Premium Processing Service, which allows U.S. businesses to pay a \$1,000 Premium Processing fee in exchange for 15-calendar-day processing of their case.

Starting on September 25, 2006, USCIS will begin accepting Premium Processing requests for Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, involving the following immigrant visa categories:

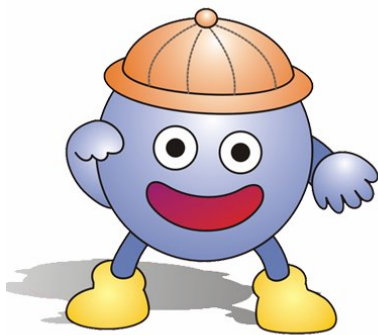
- EB-1, outstanding professors and researchers,
- EB-2, members of professions with advanced degrees or exceptional ability *not seeking a National Interest Waiver*, and
- EB-3, workers other than skilled workers and professionals (i.e., unskilled labor requiring less than two years of training or experience).

Under the Premium Processing Service, USCIS guarantees petitioners that, for a \$1,000 processing fee, it will issue either an approval notice, or where appropriate, a notice of intent to deny, a request for evidence or open an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation, within 15 calendar days of receipt. If the petition is not processed within 15 calendar days, USCIS will refund the \$1,000 fee and continue to process the request as part of the Premium Processing Service. In addition to faster processing, petitioners who participate in the program may use a dedicated phone number and e-mail address to check on the status of their petition or ask any other questions they may have concerning their petition. Premium Processing Service continues to be available for previously designated classifications within Form I-140 and Form I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker.

Since 2001, Premium Processing Service has been available for several classifications within Form I-129, including E Treaty Traders and Investors, H-1B Specialty Occupation Workers, H-2B Temporary Workers performing non-agricultural services, H-3 Trainees, L Intracompany Transferees, O Aliens of Extraordinary Ability and those performing essential support services, P Performers and Athletes and those performing essential support services, and Q international Cultural Exchange Visitors, R Religious Workers and NAFTA Professionals from Canada and Mexico. Form I-129 petitions for those nonimmigrant worker classifications will continue to be

eligible for Premium Processing Service unless the filing period has closed (for example, when the annual cap for a specific visa has been reached.)

Also, since August 28, USCIS began accepting Premium Processing Service requests for petitions involving two other immigrant visa categories, the EB-3 Professionals, (i.e. immigrant workers with bachelor degrees who are members of the professions), and EB-3 Skilled Workers, (i.e. immigrant workers capable of performing skilled labor requiring at least two years of education, training or experience). Employers file for both of these immigrant visa categories using the Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker (Form I-140) as well.



Immi, Jr. Says: You need to be aware that the USCIS has issued a notice of expansion of the I-485 pilot program.

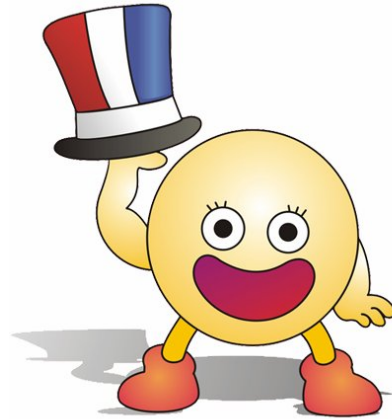
USCIS ISSUED NOTICE OF EXPANSION OF I-485 PILOT PROGRAM

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services conducted to expand a pilot that changes the procedures for certain aliens filing Form I-485, "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status," based on a family relationship, the diversity visa lottery, or qualification for most special immigrant categories. Under the expanded pilot program, affected aliens residing within the jurisdiction of the Dallas District Office, El Paso District Office, or Oklahoma City Sub-Office will be required to file Form I-485 and any necessary documentation and fees in person at the appropriate local office, rather than by mail, after self-scheduling an appointment using Internet-based InfoPass. This pilot program tests an alternative to current filing and processing procedures with the goal of achieving a 90-day processing time for affected Forms I-485.

As applied to the Dallas District Office, this Notice is effective October 23, 2006 and will terminate on September 21, 2007. As applied to the El Paso District Office and Oklahoma City Sub-Office, this Notice is effective November 20, 2006 and will terminate on September 21, 2007.

Citizen Immi Says: You need to remember that for all applications for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document will now be filed directly at TSC and NSC.

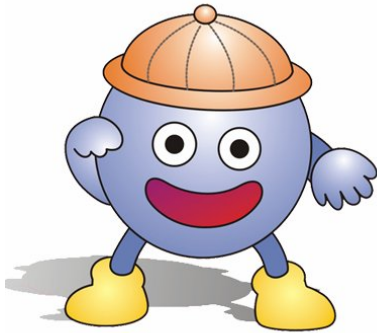


DIRECT FILED N-565 TO USCIS SERVICE CENTERS

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

Effective **October 1, 2006**, all Applications for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (Form N-565) will be filed directly at two of the four USCIS Service Centers which are Texas Service Center and Nebraska Service Center. A Federal Register Notice and Public Notice have been prepared and are in the concurrence process. Until such time as the Federal Register Notice is published, District Offices and Sub-Offices are advised to forward locally received applications to the appropriate Service Center. Applications received prior to October 1, 2006, will remain within the jurisdiction of that office for the completion of processing. It is not necessary for individuals who previously filed an application at a local USCIS office to file a new application in connection with this change of procedure.

QUICK INFORMATION BYTES

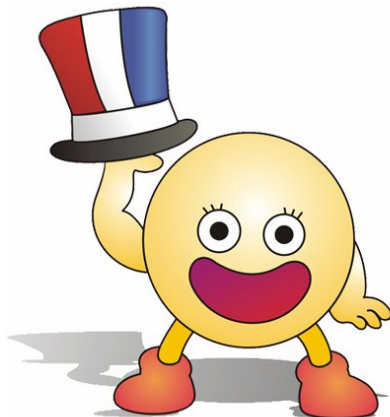
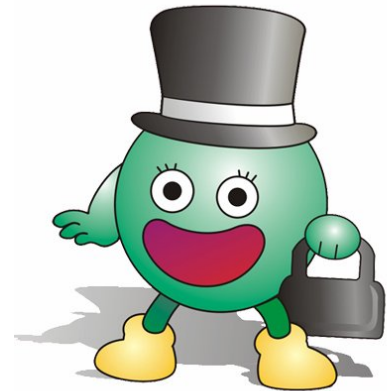


Immi, Jr. says: Make sure that you report all pertinent changes to your academic schedule to your DSO at your college/university.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM

Immi says: New H-1B holders, you are allowed to start your work on October 1, 2006. You need to make sure that the company HR manager has your complete H-1B record in your file.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM



Citizen Immi says: If you ever have had any criminal charges in your life, then by the time that you decide to submit your N-400 you need to make sure you have all documents/court orders to be submitted with your application.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Explanation: If you have questions concerning immigration related issues or concerns and are of a non-advice and pure general interest nature, please e-mail them to tolsen@tlolaw.com.

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION RELATED WEB SITES

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Web Link

<http://www.dol.gov/>

- Dept. of Labor Web Link

<http://www.state.gov/>

- Dept. of State Web Link

<http://www.embassy.org/>

- Embassies in Washington D.C. Web Link

<http://www.aviso.net/government/embassies/>

- Embassies Located Inside and Outside U.S. Web Link

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please visit: www.tlolaw.com for our web site

Terrence L. Olsen, Attorney, tolsen@tlolaw.com, 423-648-9390 and 423-648-9370 (for Chinese and Taiwanese language assistance)

Disclaimer

OLSEN LAW FIRM provides the information on these pages as a public service, free of charge. Information contained on these pages is not intended as, and should not be taken as, legal advice. The use of information provided on these pages should not be taken as establishing any contractual or other form of attorney-client relationship between OLSEN LAW FIRM and the reader or user of this information.

While we would like to hear from you, please understand that merely contacting us does not create an attorney-client relationship between us. We cannot represent you or become your lawyers in any way unless (1) we know that doing so would not create conflict of interest with any of the clients we currently represent or have represented in the past and (2) satisfactory arrangements have been made between us for our representation.

While we have provided links to other World Wide Web sites, we cannot be and are not responsible for the contents of these other sites. We expressly disclaim any liability with respect to actions taken or actions not taken based on content received from a third-party web site linked, directly or indirectly, to the OLSEN LAW FIRM web site.

The link to another site is not to be construed in any way as an endorsement of the host, the site, or the information contained therein, nor is such link to be inferred as an association or affiliation with the host.

Listing of related or included practice areas herein by individual attorneys or by OLSEN LAW FIRM does not constitute or imply a representation of Certification of Specialization.

Immi, Jr., Immi, and Citizen Immi © 2002 by Terrence L. Olsen.