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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*



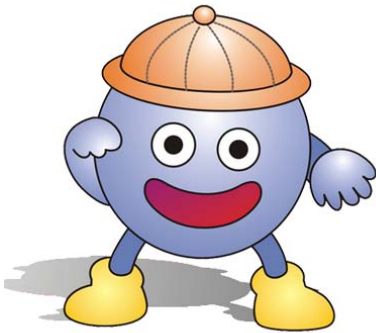
**Citizen Immi**

*Immi will address citizenship issues*

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# IMMEDIATE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES



*Immi, Jr. says: Look!!!! P-1 Nonimmigrant Classification Has Been Expanded.*

## **THE EXPANSION OF P-1 NONIMMIGRANT VISA CLASSIFICATION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ATHLETES FORMERLY ADMITTED AS H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS**

**[SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION \(AILA\)](#)**

Public Law 109-463, Creating Opportunities for Minor League Professional, Entertainers, and Teams through Legal Entry Act of 2006 (COMPETE Act of 2006) expands the P-1 nonimmigrant visa classification to include certain athletes who were formerly admitted as H-2B nonimmigrants.

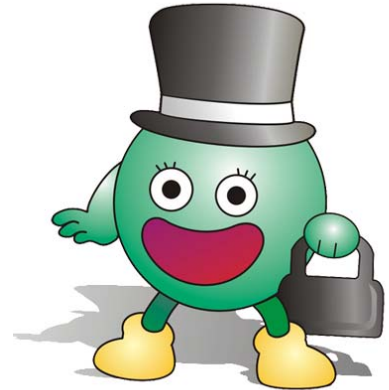
The following types of athletes and performers who seek admission for the purpose of performing in a competition or theatrical ice skating production fall under the P-1 nonimmigrant visa classification:

- An individual who performs as an athlete, individually or as part of a group, at an internationally recognized level of performance.
- A professional athlete employed by: (1) a team that is a member of an association of 6 or more professional sports teams whose total combined revenues exceed \$10,000,000 per year, if the association governs the conduct of its members and regulates the contests and exhibitions in which its member teams regularly engage, or (2) any minor league team that is affiliated with such an association.
- Individual coaches or athletes performing with teams or franchises located in the United States that are part of an international league or association of 15 or more amateur sports teams if: 1) the foreign league is operating at the highest level of amateur performance in the relevant foreign country, 2) participation in that foreign league renders the players ineligible, whether on temporary or permanent basis, to earn a scholarship or participate in the sport at a college or university in the United States under the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and 3) where a significant number of players who play in the foreign leagues are drafted by major league or minor league affiliates of such sports leagues in the United States.
- Amateur or professional ice skaters who perform, individually or as part of a group, in theatrical ice skating productions or tours.

The COMPETE Act of 2006 excludes any alien athlete professional or amateur, or coach, from countries deemed state sponsors of international terrorism. Such countries are determined by the

Secretary of State and applicable alien athletes or coaches will be subject of clearance procedures developed by the Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security and other appropriate U.S. agencies.

***Immi Says: The Change of Address Form Can Now Be Processed Online Via The USCIS Website!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***



**USCIS INTRODUCES CHANGE OF ADDRESS ONLINE FUNCTION TO WEB**

**[SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION \(AILA\)](#)**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has launched a new web-based service allowing USCIS customers to submit change of address information online.

All non-citizens in the United States are legally required to keep USCIS informed of any change of address within 10 days of their move by completing an Alien Change of Address Card (Form AR-11). Individuals with a pending immigration case should also notify USCIS of any change of address. This will ensure that customers receive notices or decisions related to their case in a timely manner.

“Not only is this a terrific service for our customers, in the long run it is a great cost and time saver,” said USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez. “USCIS is continuing to retool the agency to get as much efficiency from automation as possible.”

USCIS processes more than one million change of address requests each year. The new online service will reduce processing time and improve customer service by providing immediate confirmation that USCIS has received the updated address information. Overall, test users found the new online form convenient and simple to use.

This is the first phase of this online system. Phase two, which is projected to launch sometime in May, will include additional customer service features, including allowing applicants with a pending naturalization application to report their change of address online. Until then, those

individuals should continue to contact USCIS by telephone at 1-800-375-5283 to report their change of address.

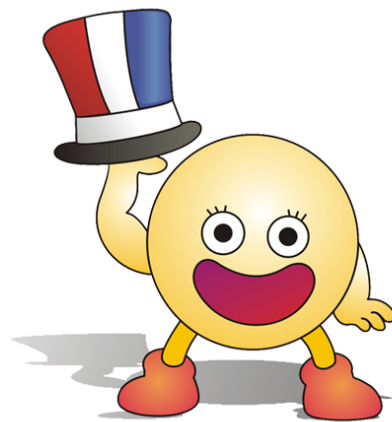
Before using the online change of address tool, users should have the following information available:

- USCIS receipt number (If you have a pending case with USCIS),
- New and old addresses,
- Names and biographical information for family members for whom you have filed a petition, and
- Date and location (port of entry) of your last entry into the United States.

USCIS will continue to accept change of address cards through the mail.

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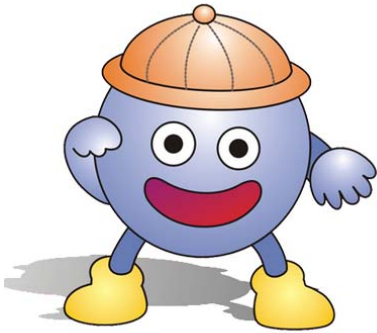
***Citizen Immi Says: Be Aware That Form N-565 Will Now Be Filed at NSC or TSC.***



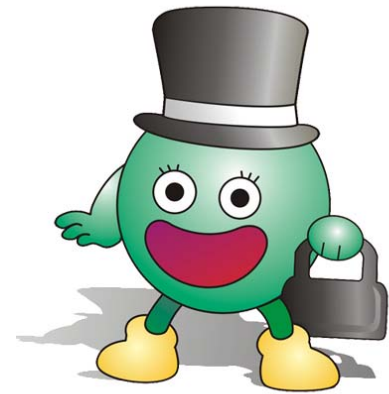
**APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT NURALIZATION/CITIZENSHIP DOC. TO BE FILED WITH NSC OR TSC**

**SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to provide that filings of Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, be filed at a designated Service Center for processing. Applicants were previously required to file at a USCIS field office having jurisdiction over their place of current residence. The Direct Mail Program allows U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to more efficiently process applications by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools. USCIS intends for this Direct Mail process to be implemented on February 26, 2007 and it will affect all applicants filing Form N-565.



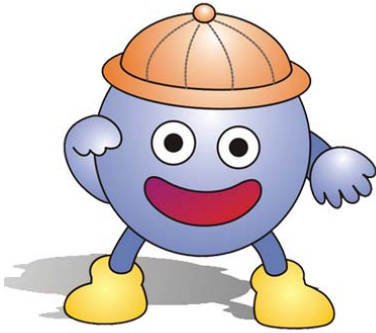
*Immis Say: Let's take a look at  
Visa Bulletin for February  
2007.*



## FEBRUARY 2007 VISA BULLETIN

	All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIP-PINES
<b>Employment-Based</b>					
1st	C	C	C	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C	22APR05	08JAN03	C	C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	01AUG02	01AUG02	08MAY01	15MAY01	01AUG02
Other Workers	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01
4 <sup>th</sup>	C	C	C	C	C
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
Iraqi & Afghani Translators	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06
5 <sup>th</sup>	C	C	C	C	C
Targeted Employment Areas/ Regional Centers	C	C	C	C	C

## QUICK INFORMATION BYTES

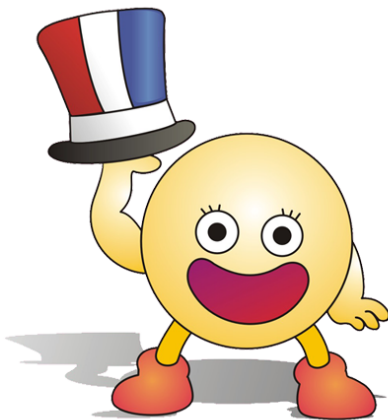
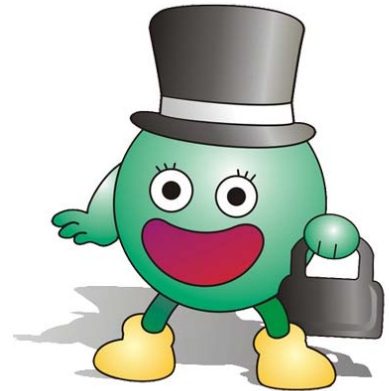


***Immi, Jr. says: B-1 Visas can be issued for medical visits.***

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

***Immi says: Before any type of interview with a CIS officer, it is best to understand the immigration benefit which has been applied for, and what types of questions which may be asked by the CIS officer.***

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



***Citizen Immi says: In the near future, the naturalization history/government questions will be different from the ones currently used.***

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](mailto: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

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