



Important Advisory - Filing Forms I-601

Beginning June 4 2012, ineligible IV applicants, nonimmigrant K, and V visa applicants for whom a waiver is available must file Forms I-601 by mailing them to a USCIS Lockbox. Updated I-601 filing instructions are here: www.uscis.gov/i-601.

IV, K and V applicants will be required to mail their I-601 and any supporting documentation to the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox. Questions regarding lockbox filing can be directed to: Lockboxsupport@dhs.gov.

If sending by U.S. Postal Service:	If sending by Express mail or Courier:
USCIS P.O. Box 21600 Phoenix, AZ 85036	USCIS ATTN: 601/212 Foreign Filers 1820 E. Skyharbor, Circle S, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85034

I-212 Submissions

IV applicants requiring consent to reapply for admission in addition to an I-601 waiver of inadmissibility must file their Form I-212 along with the I-601 with the Lockbox. However, IV applicants should NOT file stand-alone I-212s with the USCIS Lockbox. Such individuals should file stand-alone I-212s according to the form instructions available at: www.uscis.gov/i-212.

Exceptions to Lockbox Filing

Specific guidance regarding the extremely rare exceptions to domestic filing can be found on the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/i601centralizationexceptions. Consideration to time sensitive, compelling, and exceptional circumstances will be given.

New Procedures

Upon receipt of an I-601 at the USCIS Lockbox, the Lockbox facility will send a receipt notification to the applicant and forward the case to NSC for adjudication. During adjudication, applicants will be able to view their case status online by searching the USCIS receipt number in the "Case Status" field on the USCIS homepage (www.uscis.gov). USCIS receipt numbers are listed on the receipt notification sent from the USCIS NSC office. Applicants can also call the USCIS National Customer Service Center to request the status of their case. Contact information for USCIS is available at www.uscis.gov/contact.

The NSC will notify the applicant and the applicant's attorney of record, if applicable, in writing of the decision on the I-601 and I-212, if applicable. The NSC will issue notification of approval decisions using Form I-797, Notice of Action.

NOTE: USCIS Kingston will continue to accept I-601s filings by appointment only until July 13, 2012.