



USCIS Update

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USCIS Announces Publication of New Notice of Entry of Appearance forms for Attorneys or Accredited Representatives

WASHINGTON — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that a revised Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative (Form G-28) and the new Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney in Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States (Form G-28I) has been issued.

USCIS will provide a 30-day grace period for the Form G-28, until Oct. 30, so that Forms G-28 currently in the mail will be considered valid when received at the USCIS Lockbox facility or USCIS Service Center. After Oct. 30, any prior versions of the Form G-28 that are received will be considered invalid. All Forms G-28 filed before Oct. 30, will be honored for previously filed cases as long as the Forms G-28 were properly completed by an eligible attorney or accredited representative. The new Form G-28 is not required for receiving updates or interviews unless a new attorney is representing the applicant.

The new Form G-28I is for use by attorneys admitted to practice law who seek to appear before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in matters outside of the United States. Acceptance by a DHS entity of a completed Form G-28I does not itself constitute approval by the DHS entity for the attorney to represent the applicant or petitioner in the matter for which Form G-28I was filed. The Form G-28I **may not** be filed for matters in DHS offices within the United States.

To obtain the new Form G-28 and G-28I, and instructions for completion of the forms, please visit the USCIS forms page at www.uscis.gov/forms.