

PAYING *the* USCIS IMMIGRANT FEE *using the* USCIS ELECTRONIC IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

If you seek permanent residence in the United States and receive an immigrant visa, you must pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee online using the USCIS Electronic Immigration System. This fee covers the cost of processing your immigrant visa packet and producing your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

1. Receive from the U.S. Embassy



- **Alien Number** (A-Numbers begin with an “A” followed by 8 or 9 numbers)
Example: A012345678
- **DOS Case ID** (3 letters followed by 9 or 10 numbers)
Example: ABC123456789
- Diversity Visa immigrants will have 4 numbers, followed by 2 letters, then 5 more numbers
Example: 0000AB12345
- Sealed immigrant visa packet

2. Go Online



- Go to: uscis.gov/uscis-elis
- Click “**Log In**” to access the USCIS Electronic Immigration System
- Select the “**USCIS Immigrant Fee**” button

4. Travel to the U.S.



USCIS strongly suggests that you pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee before you depart for the United States, but you can still pay after you arrive in the United States

3. Pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee



- Pay **\$165** online
- You can pay the fee for all family members in one transaction
- A family member, friend, employer, attorney, or accredited representative can also pay the fee for you. They will need your A-Number and DOS Case ID to pay

5. Receive Your Green Card



USCIS will mail your Green Card(s) to you after you pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee and after you are admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident

For more information, visit uscis.gov/uscis-elis
To submit a question or request assistance, visit
<https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/contactus>



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