

Adjustment of Status for Asylees

The Service is receiving approximately 62,000 applications per year. Over the past year, we have approved 78,592 cases. Consequently, as of September 14, 2007, approximately 65,836 asylee adjustment applications were pending. We anticipate that we will process pending applications according to the following schedule:

If pending at the Texas Service Center:

Date Received (Mail Date)	Timeframe to be Processed
On or before December 8, 2006	September 30, 2007
On or after December 9, 2006	Within 9 months of receipt

If pending at the Nebraska Service Center:

Date Received (Mail Date)	Timeframe to be Processed
On or before October 1, 2006	September 30, 2007
On or after October 2, 2006	Within 11 months of receipt

We emphasize that these dates are APPROXIMATIONS; unforeseen occurrences may delay processing.

If you move, please notify us by sending a letter to the office where your case is pending as follows:

USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87865 Lincoln, NE 68508-7865

or

USCIS Texas Service Center P.O. Box 850891 Mesquite, TX 75185-0891

Please note that **only address changes will be processed at these addresses**. Non-address change inquiries received at these P.O. Boxes cannot be answered. **Be sure to include your A-number or your case receipt number. Also note that, for cases originally filed at the Nebraska Service Center but later transferred to the Texas Service Center, change-of-address notification should be sent to the Texas Service Center.**

Also, be aware that notifying the Center of an address change for a pending application DOES NOT satisfy the requirement to notify the Service of your whereabouts.

You must also send Form AR-11 to the address listed on the form to meet your legal requirements for reporting a change of address. Instructions for that notification can be found on this same website at <http://www.uscis.gov/ar-11>.

If your case was filed before the date reflected in the chart above, and has not been adjudicated in the timeframe indicated, you may inquire about the status of your case by using the Case Status Online tool on this website or by sending an email to NSCLawsuit.Asylum@dhs.gov, if your case is pending with the Nebraska Service Center, or send an email to ASYLUM.Tsc@dhs.gov, if your case is pending at the Texas Service Center.

While your I-485 is pending, you are permitted to travel outside the U.S.; however you must have a valid Refugee Travel Document to reenter the country. You can apply for a refugee travel document by filing Form I-131, Application for Travel Document. Due to new security procedures, allow 150 days prior to beginning travel to obtain a travel document.

As an asylee, you are authorized to work in the United States incident to your status. If you wish to receive a document from USCIS that can serve as evidence of both your work authorization and identity, file Form I-765 with the service center that serves your location. Allow for a 75-day processing time.

For all other inquiries, call the National Customer Service Center at 1 (800)375-5283.