Instructions for Request for Waiver of Certain Rights, Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-508
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What Is the Purpose of This Request?

This request is used by certain persons whose occupational status entitles them, and their dependents, to nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(A), (E), or (G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as a government official, treaty trader or treaty investor, or international organization representative, respectively. Requestors use Form I-508 to waive diplomatic rights, privileges, exemptions, and immunities associated with their occupational status so that they may acquire or retain lawful permanent resident status in the United Status.

General Instructions

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides forms free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at **http://get.adobe.com/reader/**. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Signature. Each request must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this request, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may asign the request on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

Copies. You may submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If you submit original documents when not required, the documents may remain a part of the record, and USCIS will not automatically return them to you.

Translations. If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

How To Fill Out Form I-508

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this request, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed.
4. **Part 3. Requestor's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature.** Select the appropriate box to indicate that you either read this request yourself or someone interpreted this request for you from English to a language in which you are fluent. If applicable, select the box to indicate if someone prepared this request for you. Further, you must sign and date your request and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every request **MUST** contain the signature of the requestor (or parent or guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.
5. **Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature.** If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this request to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the request.

6. **Part 5. Contact Information, Statement, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Request, If Other Than the Requestor.** This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your request, if other than you, the requestor. If the same individual acted as your interpreter **and** your preparer, that person should complete both **Part 4.** and **Part 5.** If the person who completed this request is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you prepare this request **MUST** sign and date the request. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your request is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she must also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your request, if his or her representation extends beyond preparation of this request.
7. **Part 6. Additional Information.** If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this request, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information.** If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 6.**, you may make copies of **Part 6.** to complete and file with your request or attach a separate sheet of paper. Include your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed request to review in the future and for your records.

What Is the Filing Fee?

There is no filing fee for Form I-508.

Where To File?

Please see our Web site at **www.uscis.gov/I-508** or call our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this request. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: If you are filing this request together with Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, file this request at the same USCIS office where you must submit the related Form I-485. If you are filing this request together with Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, file this request at the same USCIS office where you must submit the related Form I-131.

Address Change

You must notify USCIS of your new address within 10 days of moving from your previous residence. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov/addresschange** or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities because these facilities do not process change of address requests.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this request, visit the USCIS Web site at **www.uscis.gov** where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our online system, **InfoPass**, at **infopass.uscis.gov**. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this request, and the associated evidence, is collected under 8 USC 1184(b) and 1257(b) and 8 CFR sections 223.2 and 245.1 and part 247.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this request is to determine whether the requestor has waived the diplomatic rights, privileges, exemptions, and immunities associated with his or her occupational status, so that he or she may acquire or retain lawful permanent resident status in the United States.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may affect your status in the United States.

ROUTINE USES: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may share the information you provide on this request with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records] which you can find at **www.dhs.gov/privacy**. DHS may also make the information available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 20 minutes per response, for both forms, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the request, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the request. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No 1615-0025. **Do not mail your completed Form I-508 or Form I-508F to this address.**