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US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that they will increase the government filing fees of the following government forms and petitions:

USCIS Form

Current Fee

New Fee

Effective Date

Form I-129 for H-1B

\$460

No change

April 1, 2024

Form I-129 for E-3/TN

\$460

\$510

Form I-129 for O-1

\$460

\$530

(Optional) Premium processing for Form I-129 (H-1B/E-3/O-1/TN)

\$2,500

\$2,805

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Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

Online: \$370

Paper filing: \$370

Online: \$420

Paper filing: \$470

April 1, 2024

(Optional) Premium Processing for Form I-539

\$1,750

\$1,965

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Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker

\$700

\$715

April 1, 2024

Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

Online: \$410

Paper filing: \$410

Online: \$470

Paper filing: \$520

(Optional) Premium processing for Form I-765

\$1,500

\$1,685

February 26, 2024

Current fees vs. New fees

- Petitions/applications submitted to USCIS by mail that are *postmarked* before the effective date (shown above) can include the current fee.
- However, the new fee will be required for petitions/applications *postmarked* on or after the effective date (shown above).
- It is not about the mailing date, but the postmarked date of applicable petitions and

applications to USCIS.

Government processing time adjustment

- USCIS will change its premium processing timeframe from *calendar* days (which include every day of the week) to *business* days (which only include Monday to Friday, excluding federal holidays).
- The premium processing timeframe for Form I-129 (H-1B/E-3/TN) will change from 15 calendar days to *15 business days*. The premium processing timeframe for Form I-539 and Form I-765 (e.g. for F-1 OPT) will change from 30 calendar days to *30 business days*.
- Please note that premium processing is an optional service to expedite the government processing time. It is not a required fee.

If you have any questions, please [contact your ISSS advisor](#).

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