

# Issues & Answers

## Immigration Alert

### *USCIS Publishes New Fee Schedule*

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The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services published a new fee schedule on April 15, 2004, raising the filing fees for most immigration applications, effective **April 30, 2004**. The fees will be adjusted \$55 per application in most cases, and the fingerprint fee will be raised \$20.

According to CIS, the increased fees will be used to fund the full cost of providing immigration benefits; the full cost of providing similar benefits to asylum and refugee applicants; and the full cost of providing similar benefits to other immigrants who may be unable to pay the fees. The USCIS also said it will use the increased fees to continue to improve customer service, reduce its backlog of pending cases, and maintain security measures--keep your fingers crossed on that last set of uses for the increased dollars.

The following chart contains the fee changes for the most commonly used applications:

Form No.	Title	Current Fee	New Fee
I-90	Application to Replace Alien Registration Card ("Green Card")	\$130	\$185
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document (I-94)	\$100	\$155
I-129/ I-129H I-129L	Petitions for Nonimmigrant Workers	\$130	\$185
I-131	Application for Travel Document	\$110	\$165
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$135	\$190
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$255 or \$160 under 14	\$315 or \$215 under 14
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Non Immigrant Status	\$140	\$195
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	\$120	\$175
I-824	Action on an Approved Application or Petition	\$140	\$195
N-400	Application for Naturalization	\$260	\$320
	Fingerprinting (Biometrics)	\$50	\$70

A complete list of the new fees can be found at  
<http://uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/USCISFeeStructure.pdf>

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