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****ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE IN FILING LOCATION FOR PETITIONS****

In late October 2025, USCIS posted another significant change in directing where petitioners should file Form I-129 petitions. Effective November 29, 2025, USCIS will reject any improperly filed petitions. For O and P petitions, there are now several filing locations to sift through to determine the correct location.

In order to find locate the correct address, refer to the USCIS website on [direct filing addresses for the Form I-129](#) and have ready the following information: classification of visa (O or P, for example); Regular or Premium Processing Service; method of mailing (USPS vs. FedEx, for example); the state in which the petitioner's primary office is located.

When mailing petitions, the envelope must be clearly marked "Regular Processing" or "Premium Processing."

USCIS urges use of its online [self-service tools](#) and to create an account to check on the status of a case. For all other inquiries, petitioners may call the [USCIS Contact Center](#) at 800-375-5283. TDD (hearing impaired) – 800-767-1833. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm Eastern.

With the USCIS receipt number, you may check the [status of your case online](#). Bookmark this page! You can also check processing times from that page.

FEES and GENERAL NOTES:

Note: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) periodically increases petition filing fees, so **always** check uscis.gov for the latest fee amounts as well as the latest editions of forms:

- Form I-129 – fee varies per petition depending on petitioner filing status, number of beneficiaries, and classification being sought. Note that physical checks are no longer accepted. Read more about the new payment process and tips [here](#).
- We strongly recommend that O and P petitions be sent by overnight delivery (Federal express, UPS, etc.)
- Form I-907 (premium processing) – increasingly necessary when there is a short turnaround time when approval is required, and remember to allow plenty of time for consular processing as well.
- ALWAYS mark the exterior of the envelope with the type of petition or application included, and for premium processing, if applicable.

- When filing more than one petition or application that are related, clip or rubber band them together under a sheet marked “Related Cases: Do Not Separate in Mailroom.”
- General, but not mandated, order of documents for I-129: completed fee payment form (G-1650 or G-1450), separated for each fee, if requesting PPS at the time of filing; I-129 Supplement for the appropriate classification; beneficiary list if applicable, union consultation if applicable; cover letter outlining the benefit sought and identifying the attached support evidence; supporting documentation.
- Complete all blanks, using “N/A” or “None” where appropriate, but do not enter “N/A” if “None” is appropriate entry, and vice versa. Check form instructions for specific guidance.
- Submit certified, **complete** translations for all foreign language documents.

Find additional helpful filing guidance at

<http://www.artistsfromabroad.org/immigration-procedures/completing-the-forms/general-guidance-for-filing/>

**If anyone encounters updated guidance or change in policy that is not reflected above, please let us know at askus@artistsfromabroad.org. Thank you!