NEW IMMIGRATION FEES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

IMPORTANT ALERT: New immigration fees have been established under H.R.1 (also called the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"). These changes affect many common immigration applications and processes.

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **These fees are new or increased** - Many processes that were previously free now have fees
- **No fee waivers available** for most applications (except where specifically noted)
- **Fees will increase each year to account for inflation**
- **Payment will be required upfront** - You must pay when you submit your application*

FEE PAYMENT GUIDANCE

- USCIS by mail:
  - When filing by mail you can pay by credit, debit, or prepaid card. You must complete Form G-1450, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions.
  - You can also pay directly from a bank account by completing Form G-1650, Authorization for ACH Transactions.
  - USCIS no longer accepts payments made by check, money order, or cashier's check for forms filed by mail unless you qualify for an exemption.
  - Exemption: You must submit Form G-1651 and certify that electronic payment is not possible and that you meet one or more of the following requirements:
    - You do not have access to banking services or electronic payment systems;
    - Electronic disbursement would cause you undue hardship, as discussed in 31 C.F.R. Part 208;
    - Non-electronic transactions are necessary or desirable for national security or law enforcement reasons; or
    - There are other circumstances as determined by the secretary of the treasury, as reflected in regulations or other guidance.
- USCIS online:
  - When filing online, you make payment through pay.gov. The online application will direct you to the payment portal.
- EOIR & BIA:
  - Payments to the Immigration Court or the Board of Immigration Appeals must be made through the EOIR Payment Portal found at epay.eoir.justice.gov. The portal asks for the filing type and the A-number related to the filing.

IMMIGRATION APPLICATION FEES

*NOTE: If possible, speak to an attorney to verify your eligibility for these applications for immigration relief.

Asylum Applications:

- **NEW FEE:** $100 - cannot be waived
- **Annual fee:** $100 for each year your case remains pending - cannot be waived
- **Initial work permit based on pending asylum application:** $560
- **Renewing work permit:**
  - By mail: $520 plus additional fee of $280
  - Online - $470 plus additional fee of $280

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Temporary Protected Status

- **FEE INCREASE:** $510 plus additional fee of $30
- **RE-REGISTRATION TPS:** $0 for re-registration
- **First Work permit based on TPS:**
  - By mail - $520 plus additional fee of $560
  - Online - $470 plus additional fee of $560
- **Renewing work permit:**
  - By mail - $520 plus additional fee of $280
  - Online - $470 plus additional fee of $280

IMMIGRATION APPLICATION FEES CONTINUED

Parole (Permission to Enter U.S.)

- **General Fee:**
  - **By mail -** $630 for most forms cases additional fee of $1020 collected by CBP
  - **Online -** $580 for most cases plus additional fee of $1020 collected by CBP
- **Exceptions:** No fee for medical emergencies, family death/funeral, organ donation, certain other urgent situations
- **Work permit:** Cost varies plus additional fee from $280 - $560.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

- **NEW FEE:** $250

U and T Visas (Crime/Trafficking Victims)

- **NO FEE**

Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)

NEW FEE: $30

Specific Applications in Immigration Court

- **Adjustment of Status (Green Card):** $2,980
- **Cancellation of Removal:** $710 (for permanent residents) or $1,640 (for non-permanent residents)
- **Suspension of Deportation:** $775
- **Waiver of Inadmissibility:** $2,120

Appeals and Motions in Immigration Court

- **Appeal to Board of Immigration Appeals:** $1,030
  - No fee for bond appeals
- **Motion to Reopen/Reconsider before Immigration Judge:** $1,065
  - Some fee exceptions
- **Motion to Reopen/Reconsider before Board of Immigration Appeals:** Varies $900-$1,030
  - Some fee exceptions

ENFORCEMENT FEES

If You're Arrested After Missing Court

- **Fee:** $5,130 if you were ordered removed for not showing up to court and are later arrested. In May 2026, ICE proposed an increase of this fee to $18,000.
- **Exception:** No fee if the court order is canceled

If You're Arrested at the Border

- **Fee:** $5,000 if you're caught crossing between official border crossings
- **Unclear:** How to request fee waiver or what happens if you can't pay immediately

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Fee Waivers

- **Most applications:** No fee waivers available - this specifically includes asylum and TPS fees.
- **Some court applications:** Fee waivers may be possible (check with the court or your lawyer if you have one)
- **Enforcement fees:** Limited or no waiver options

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

1. **Talk to a lawyer if you are able to** - Immigration law is complex, and these fees are new.
2. **Don't delay** – Submit your application as soon as appropriate. Fees will increase each year starting in 2026.
3. **Check current fee schedules** - Agencies may issue new rules that change these amounts.
4. **Plan ahead** - Save money for these fees if you need to file applications.
5. **Seek out official guidance before paying** - These fees are very new and procedures on how to pay are being established. Call the appropriate agency or court to figure out how to make a payment. More information on this is expected.

This explainer is based on the detailed comparison chart created by the **National Immigration Project** (NIP), which provides legal resources and support for immigration attorneys and advocates, and the official July 17, 2025 EOIR Policy Memorandum 25-36 regarding the new fees. For the complete legal analysis and technical details, see NIP's original resource here and the official EOIR memo here.

This resource provides general information only and is not legal advice. Immigration fee requirements and procedures are changing rapidly. For current information and guidance specific to your case, consult with an immigration attorney or contact the relevant immigration court directly.

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