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USCIS Introduces Online Filing for Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status with Concurrent Filing for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

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USCIS' Newest Online Form

Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status

*For eligible nationals of Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, Burma, Somalia or Haiti

Filing Deadlines for TPS

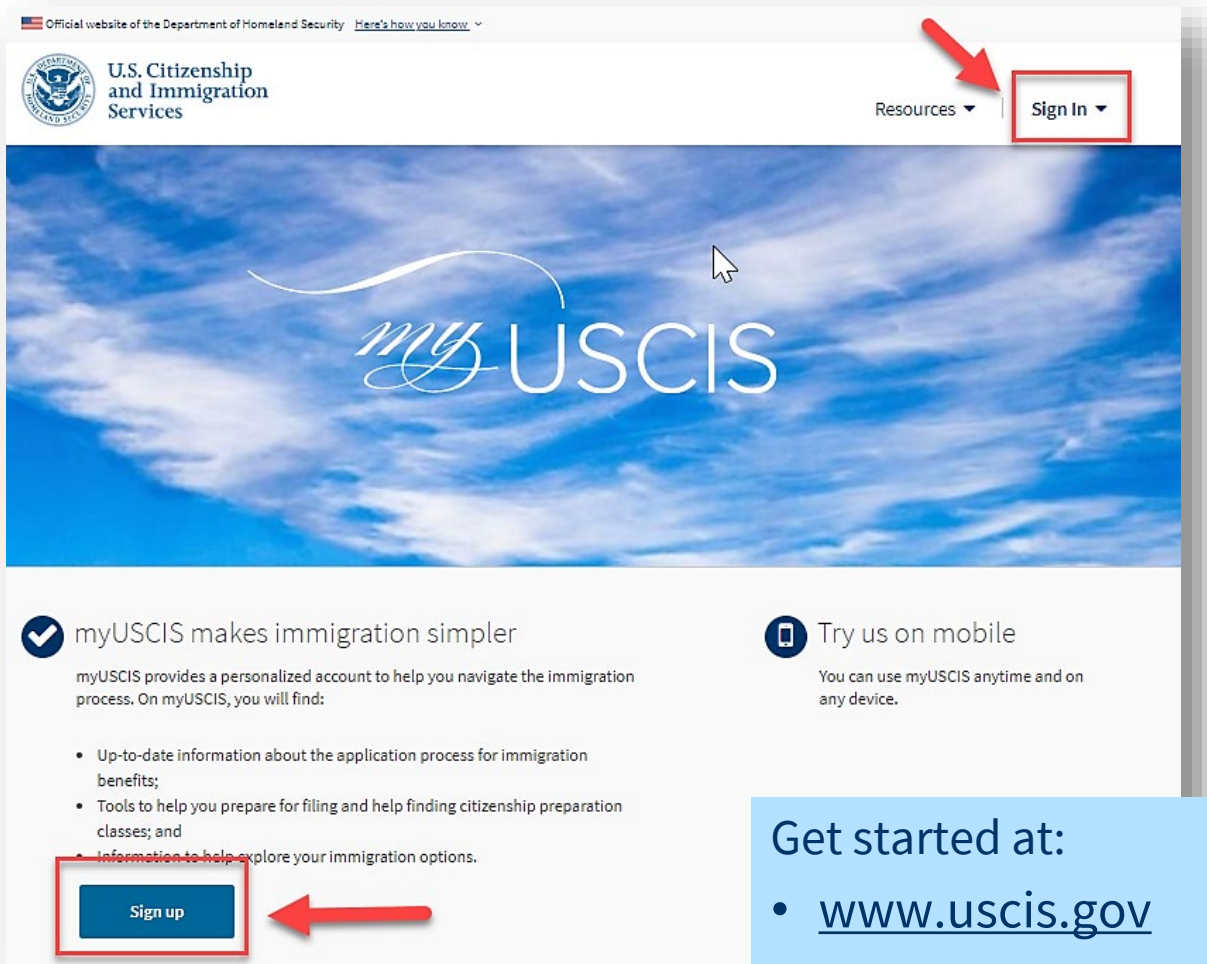
As of August 1, 2021:

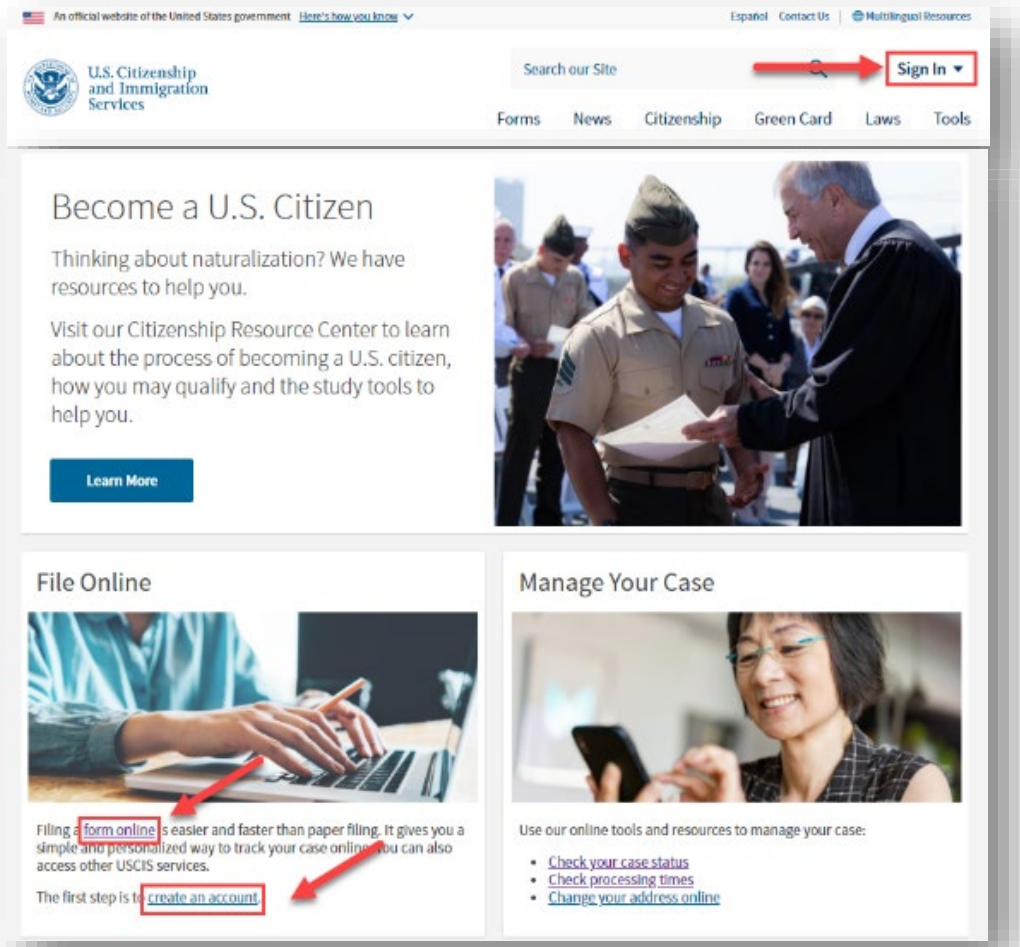
- 18-month registration period for initial applications under TPS designation for **Venezuela now runs through Sept. 9, 2022**.
- 18-month registration period for initial applications under redesignation of **Syria for TPS now runs through Sept. 30, 2022**.
- 18-month registration period for initial applications under TPS designation for **Burma (Myanmar) now runs through Nov. 25, 2022**.
- **Yemen** - initial registration period for individuals who do not currently have TPS: **July 9, 2021 – March 3, 2023**.
- **Somalia** - registration period for people who are applying for TPS for the first time: **July 22, 2021 – March 17, 2023**.
- **Haiti** - registration period for people who are applying for TPS for the first time: **Aug. 3, 2021 – Feb. 3, 2023**.

Today's Presentation Will Cover

- Who can submit Form I-821 online
- Submitting Form I-821 concurrently with Form I-765
- Creating a USCIS online account
- Form navigation
- Completing the form
- Required evidence
- Format requirements
- Benefits of filing forms online

Create an Account or Sign In





Get started at:

- www.uscis.gov
- my.uscis.gov
- myaccount.uscis.gov

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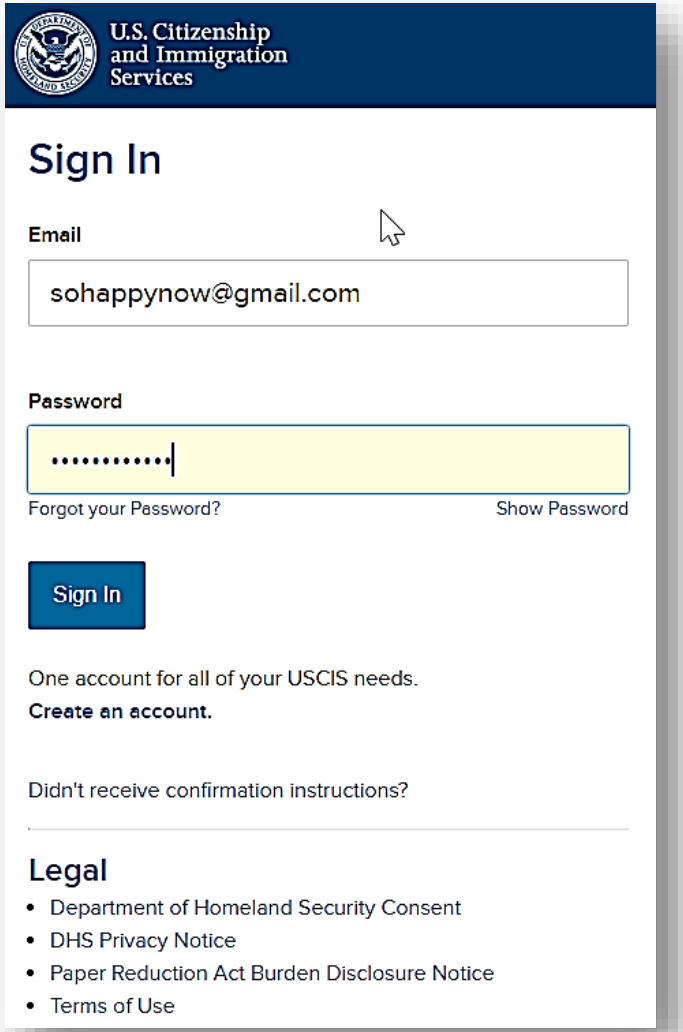
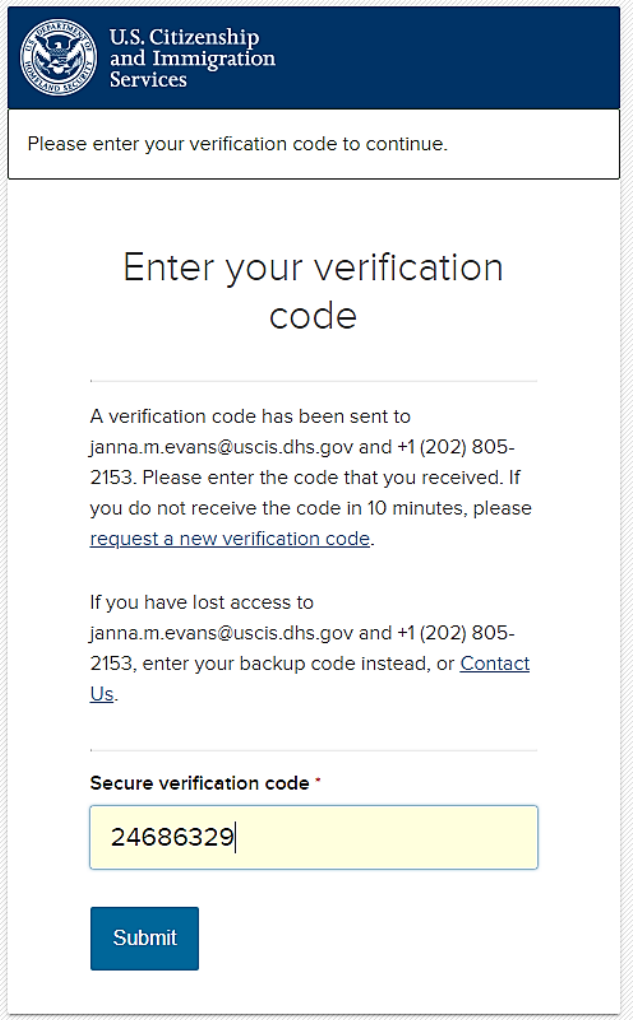
Learn About the USCIS Online Account

www.uscis.gov/file-online

- Filing tips and videos
- Helpful questions and answers
- Resources for attorneys and representatives
- Password resets and how to get technical support

Account Sign In



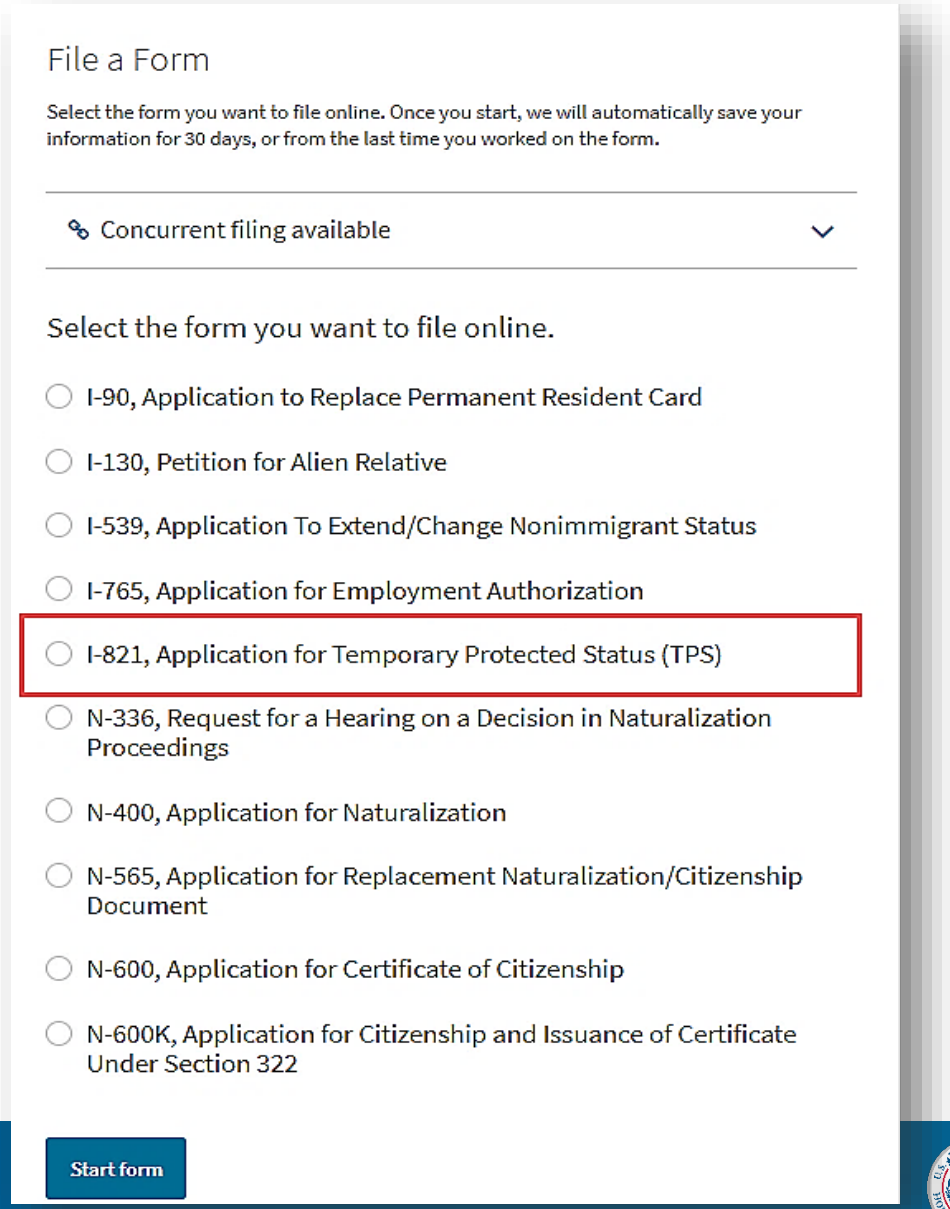


- Enter your email address and password
- System will send you one-time PIN
- Every time you log in, you need to repeat this process

Account Onboarding

Our Online Forms

- 10 forms available to file online through the USCIS online account
- Form I-821 is in the middle of the list



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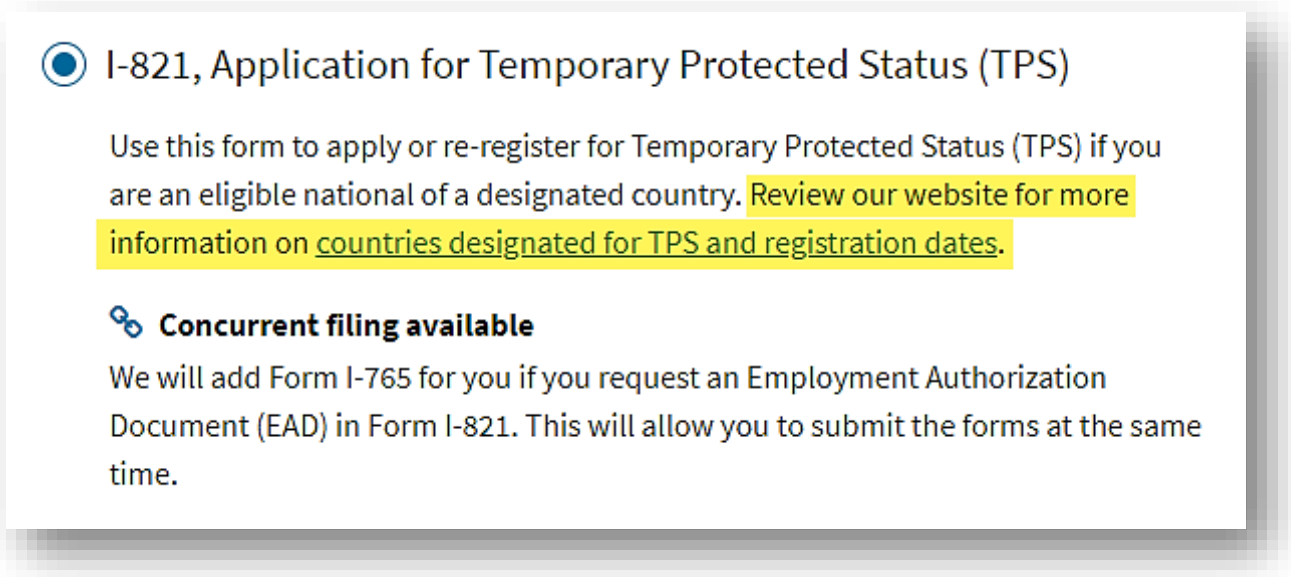
Our Online Forms

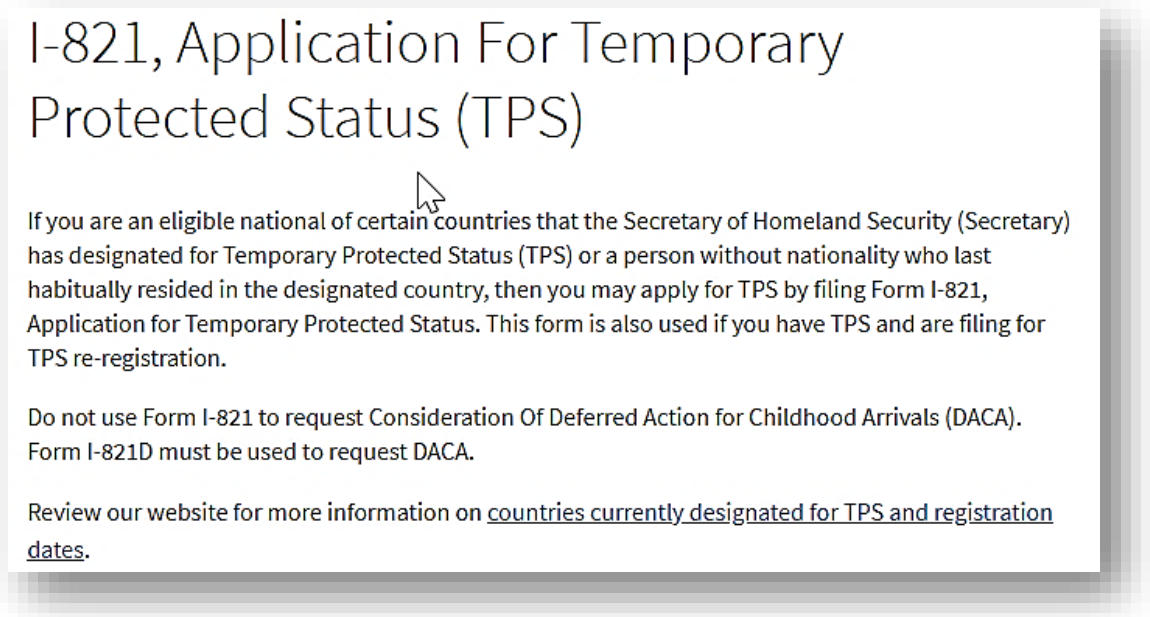
- Read carefully who can submit Form I-821 online
- If you apply online and you are not eligible, we will deny your case and keep your filing fee



Form Overview

This page explains:

- Eligibility
- The fee
- Required evidence
- Biometrics requirements
- How to track your case
- Requests for evidence
- Getting a decision



I-821, Application For Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

If you are an eligible national of certain countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has designated for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or a person without nationality who last habitually resided in the designated country, then you may apply for TPS by filing Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status. This form is also used if you have TPS and are filing for TPS re-registration.

Do not use Form I-821 to request Consideration Of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Form I-821D must be used to request DACA.

Review our website for more information on countries currently designated for TPS and registration dates.

Quick Tips

- Online form is the same as paper version
- Form logic based on your answers, starts at the beginning
- Answer as many questions as you can
- Work at your own pace, we automatically save your answers
- Draft forms are saved for 30 days from the last time you worked on your form

Online Form Navigation

- Form navigation is a vertical list on left side
- Form saves when you go to new section
- Sections collapse and expand

Getting Started – Reason for Applying

What is your reason for applying?

◉ Initial application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - applicant has not been previously granted TPS

To submit this form online…

- This MUST BE your first TPS application, and
- You MUST BE an eligible national of Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, Burma, Somalia or Haiti, or an individual without nationality who last habitually resided in one of those six countries.

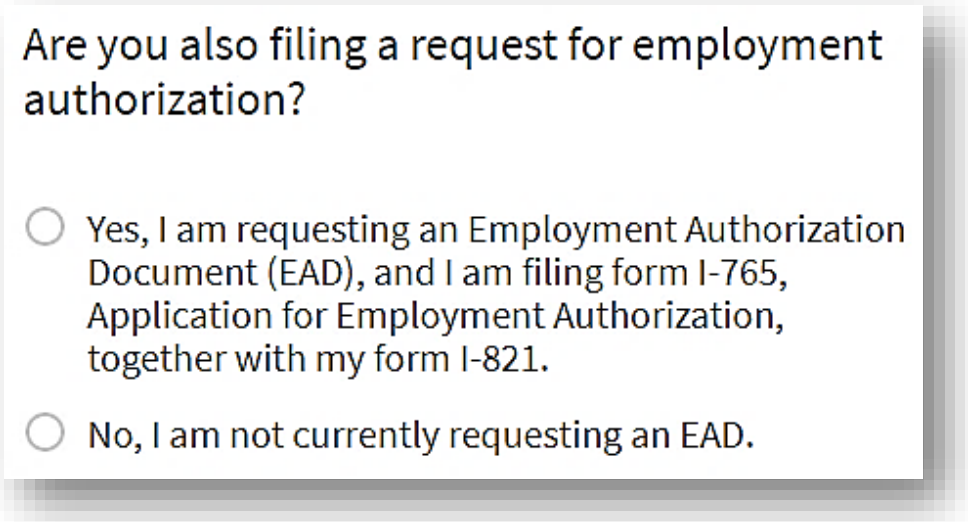
▶ If you applied for TPS before, or you are not an eligible national of Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, Burma, Somalia or Haiti, or an individual without nationality who last habitually resided in one of those six countries, and you submit this form online, we will deny your case and keep your filing fee.

Employment Authorization Document

Concurrent Filing

- You may submit Form I-821 **with** Form I-765 online if you want an Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

1. Complete Form I-821 first
2. Then complete Form I-765
3. Pay for both forms at the end

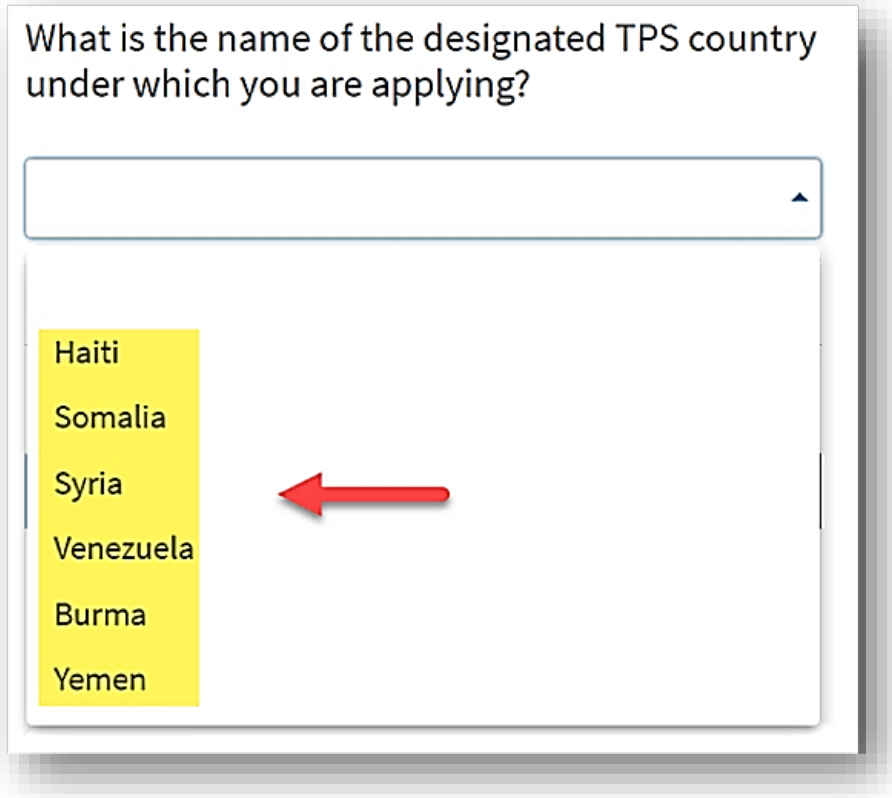


Getting Started - Eligibility

Who Can Submit Form I-821 Online?

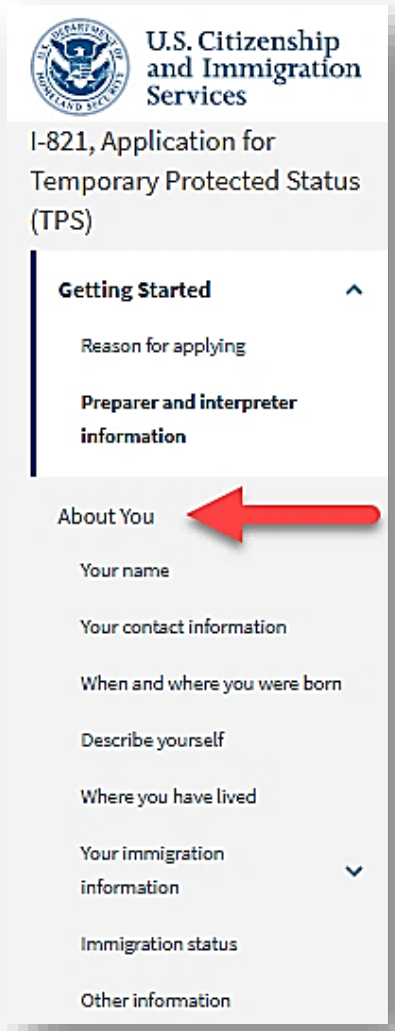
Initial release of online I-821 is limited to:

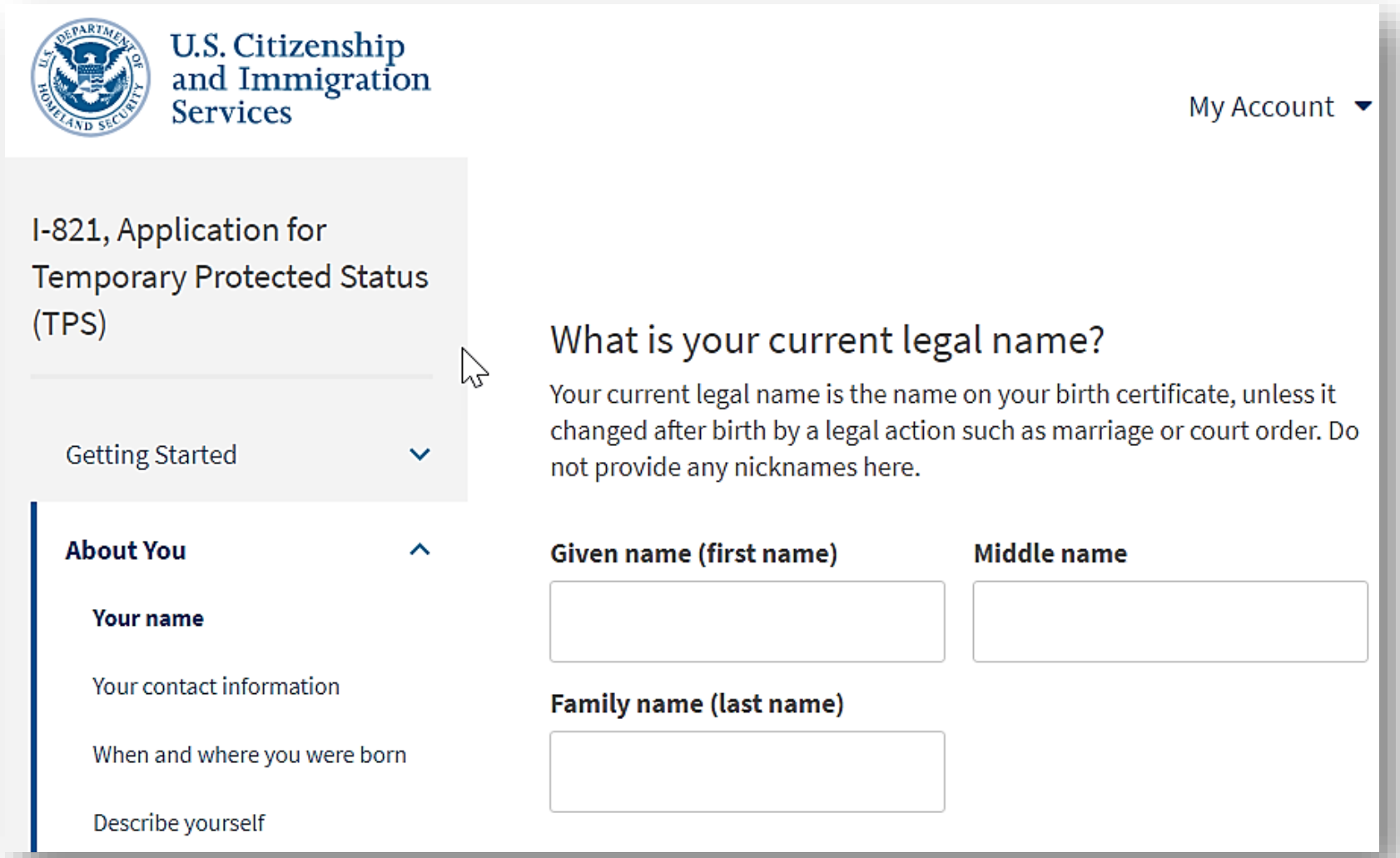
- Eligible nationals of Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, Burma, Somalia, or Haiti, or individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in one of those six countries
- Eligible individuals who are submitting their FIRST TPS application



All other categories ***must submit*** a paper form I-821

Filling Out Your Form - About You





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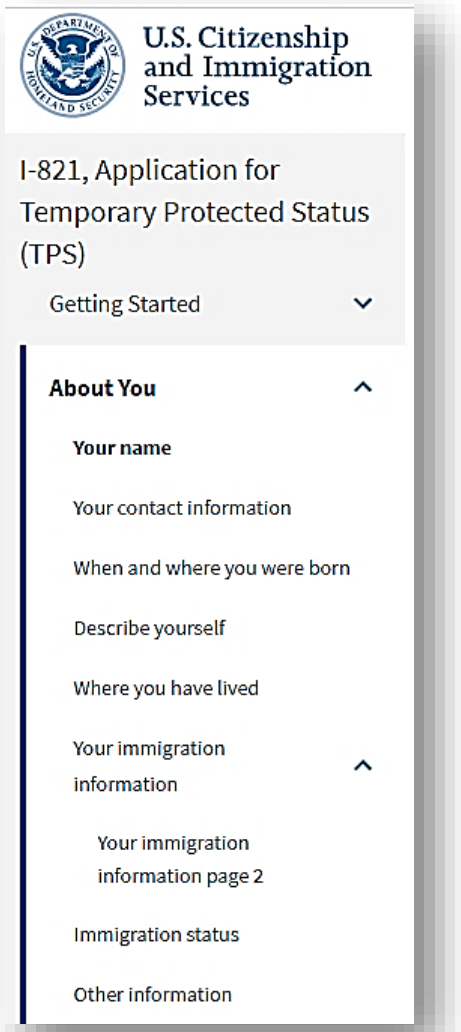


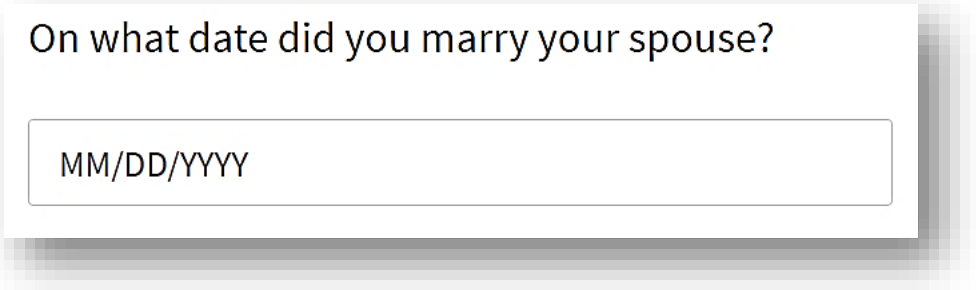
Immigration Status

- Country of citizenship/nationality
- Date you last entered U.S., port of entry, and your status at that time
- Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record number and expiration date
- Current passport or travel document number
- Current immigration status
- A-Number
- USCIS online account number

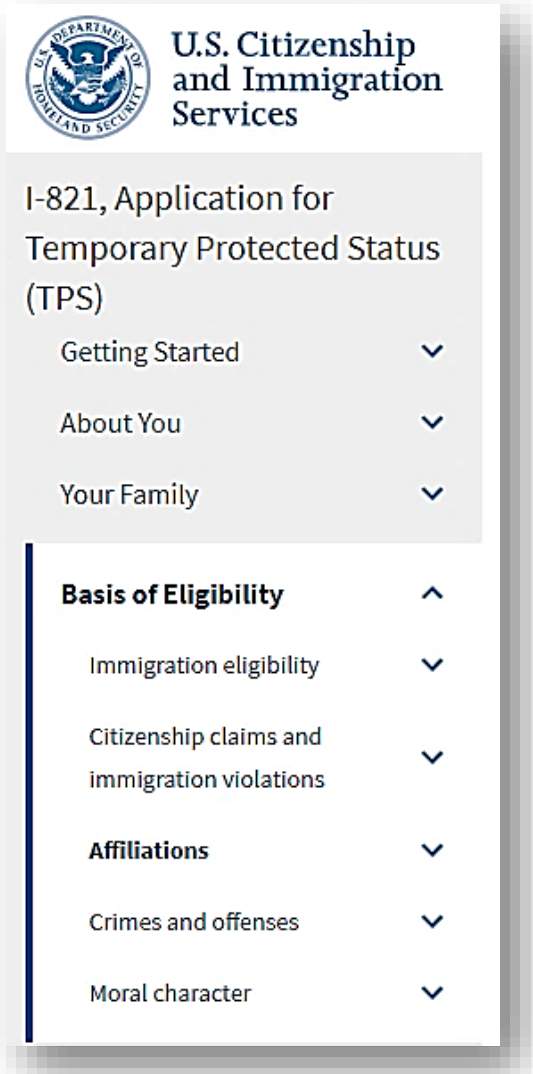
Filling Out Your Form - Your Family

Marital Status

- Tell us your current marital status
- Date of marriage (if any)



Filling Out Your Form - Basis of Eligibility



Immigration eligibility

- Citizenship claims and immigration violations
- Affiliations
- Crimes and offenses
- Moral character

Filling Out the Form - Evidence

All Form I-821 applicants must provide proof of:

- Identity and nationality
- Continuous residence in the United States
- Entry into the United States

*** *For a complete list of requirements, please read the form instructions:* uscis.gov/i-821

Filling Out the Form - Format Requirements

Document Format Requirements

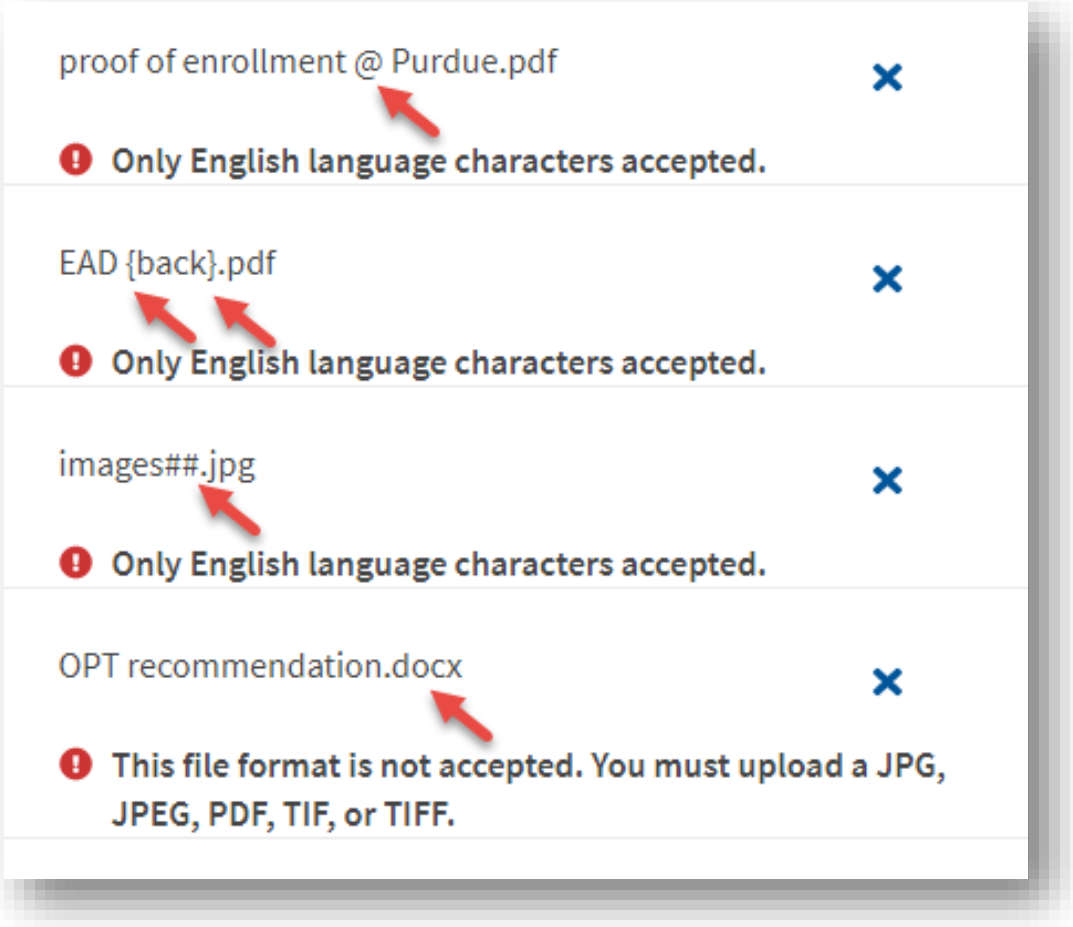
- Photos: JPEG or PNG
- Documents: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- Foreign language documents must have English translation
- Maximum size: 6 MB per file

Filling Out the Form - Format Requirements

Characters allowed in file name:

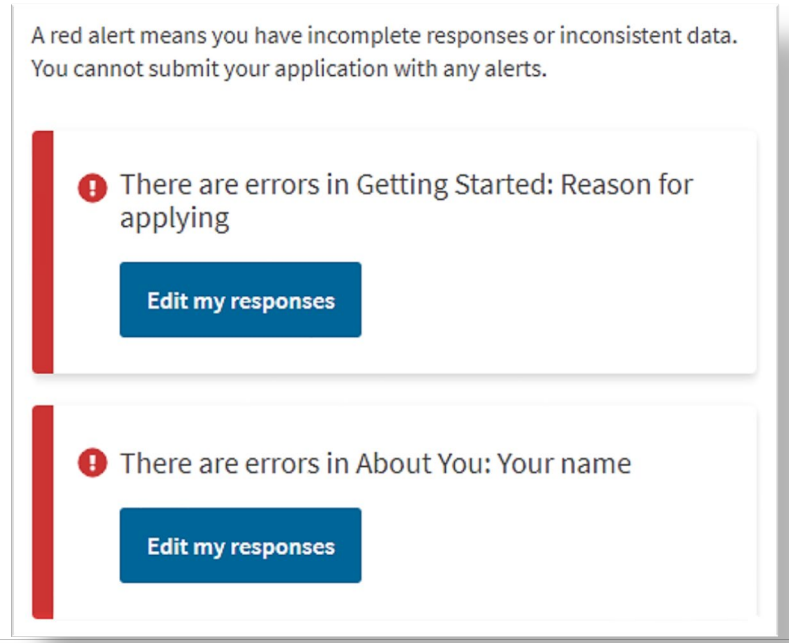
- English letters
- Numbers
- Spaces
- Periods .
- Hyphens -
- Underscores _
- Parentheses ( )

***Do NOT use special characters



Filling Out the Form - Review and Submit

Red alert



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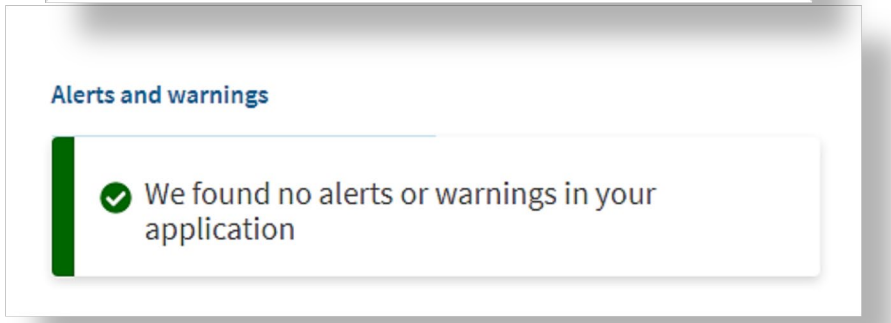

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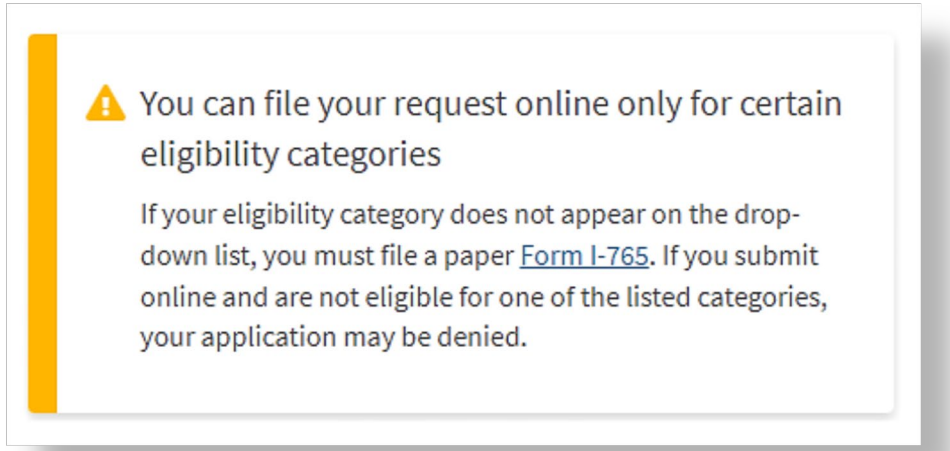

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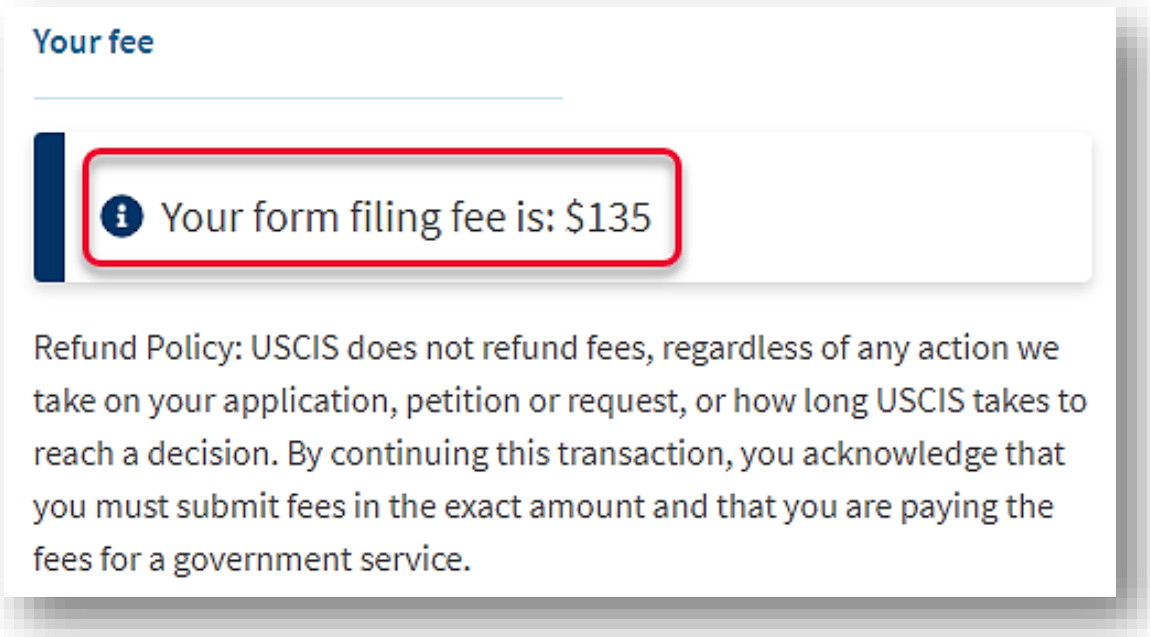
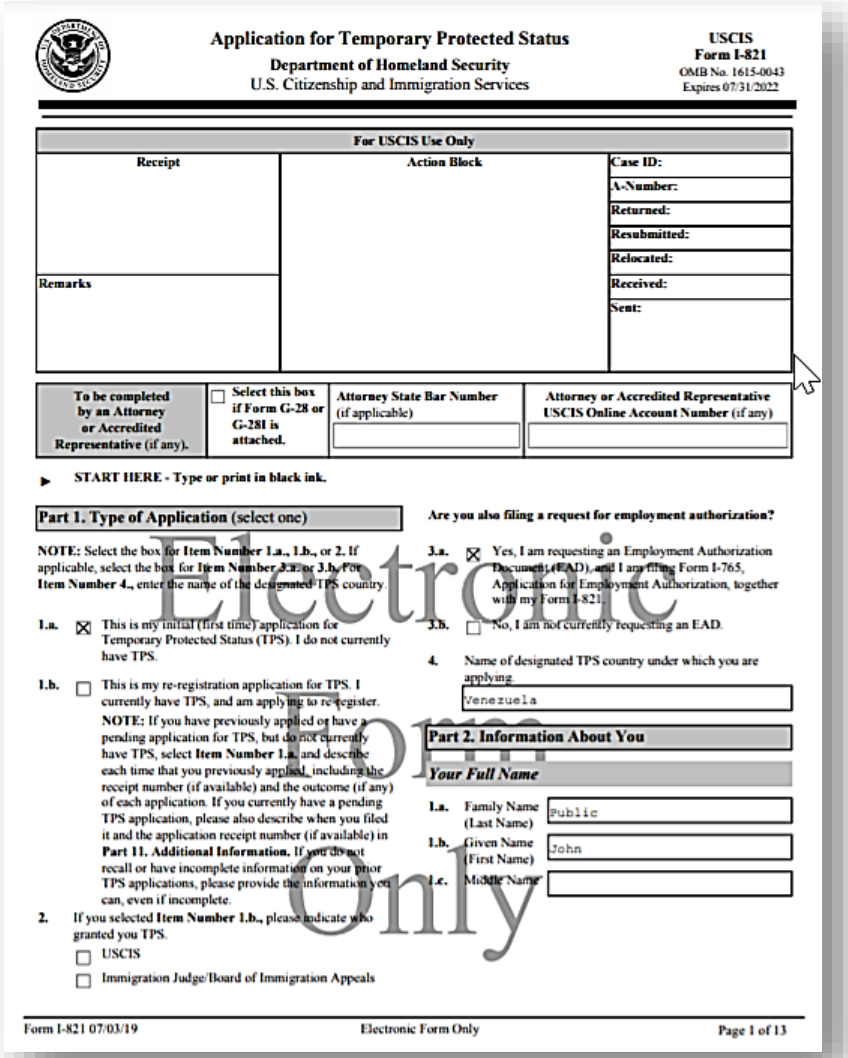


- Review your entries before you pay
- Once you submit payment, you cannot make corrections
- You cannot request to waive your fee online at this time

Filling Out the Form - Review and Submit



Application for Temporary Protected Status

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

USCIS
Form I-821
OMB No. 1615-0043
Expires 07/31/2022

For USCIS Use Only

Receipt	Action Block	Case ID:
		A-Number:
		Returned:
		Resubmitted:
		Relocated:
Remarks		Received:
		Sent:

To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any).	☐ Select this box if Form G-28 or G-28I is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable)	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

▶ START HERE - Type or print in black ink.

Part 1. Type of Application (select one)

NOTE: Select the box for **Item Number 1.a., 1.b., or 2.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 3.a. or 3.b.** For **Item Number 4.**, enter the name of the designated TPS country.

1.a. ☒ This is my initial (first time) application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). I do not currently have TPS.

1.b. ☐ This is my re-registration application for TPS. I currently have TPS, and am applying to re-register.
NOTE: If you have previously applied or have a pending application for TPS, but do not currently have TPS, select **Item Number 1.a.** and describe each time that you previously applied, including the receipt number (if available) and the outcome (if any) of each application. If you currently have a pending TPS application, please also describe when you filed it and the application receipt number (if available) in **Part 11. Additional Information.** If you do not recall or have incomplete information on your prior TPS applications, please provide the information you can, even if incomplete.

2. If you selected **Item Number 1.b.**, please indicate who granted you TPS.
☐ USCIS
☐ Immigration Judge/Board of Immigration Appeals

Are you also filing a request for employment authorization?

3.a. ☒ Yes, I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and I am filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, together with my Form I-821.

3.b. ☐ No, I am not currently requesting an EAD.

4. Name of designated TPS country under which you are applying:
Venezuela

Part 2. Information About You

Your Full Name

1.a. Family Name (Last Name): Public

1.b. Given Name (First Name): John

1.c. Middle Name:

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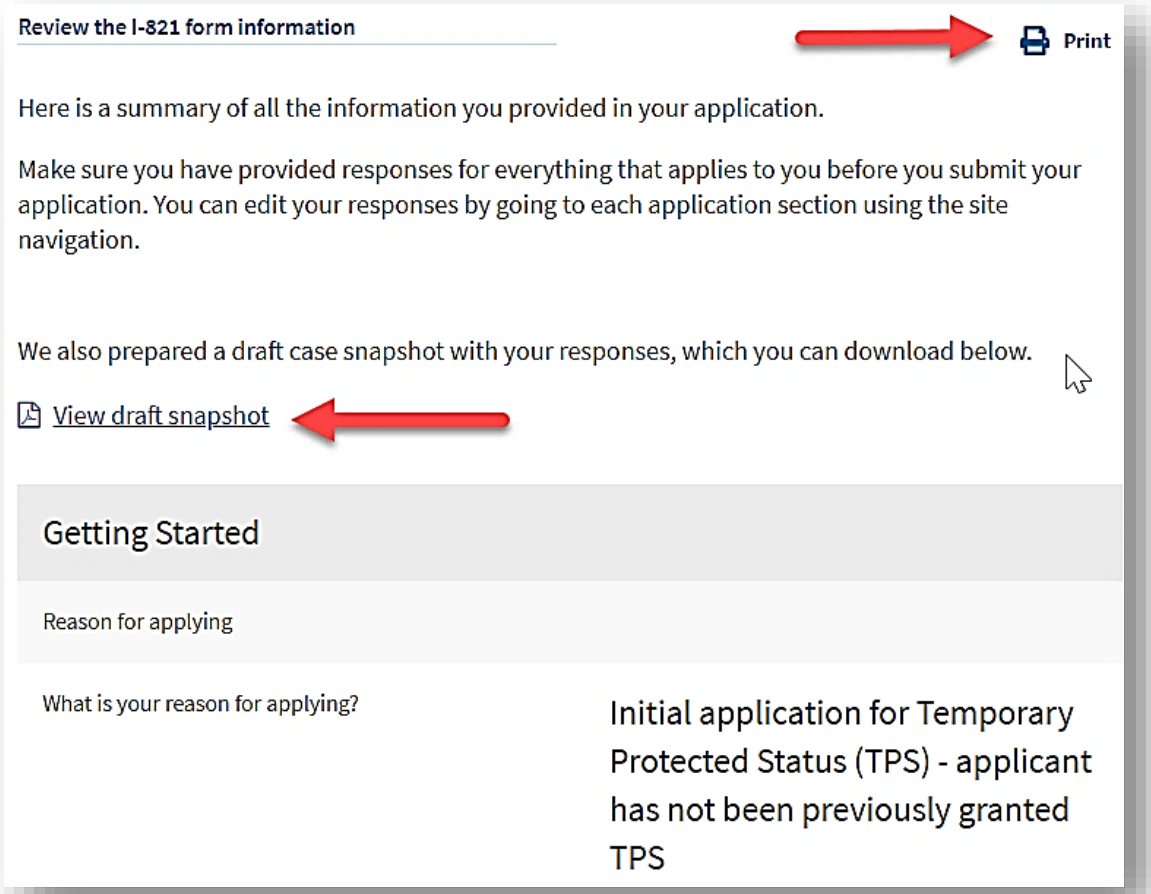


Review the I-821 form information

Print

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your application. You can edit your responses by going to each application section using the site navigation.

We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.

View draft snapshot

Getting Started

Reason for applying

What is your reason for applying?

Initial application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - applicant has not been previously granted TPS

Filling Out the Form - Applicant's Declaration and Certification

Applicant's statement

You must read and agree to the statement below.

☑ I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question.

☑ I have read and agree to the applicant's statement

Applicant's signature

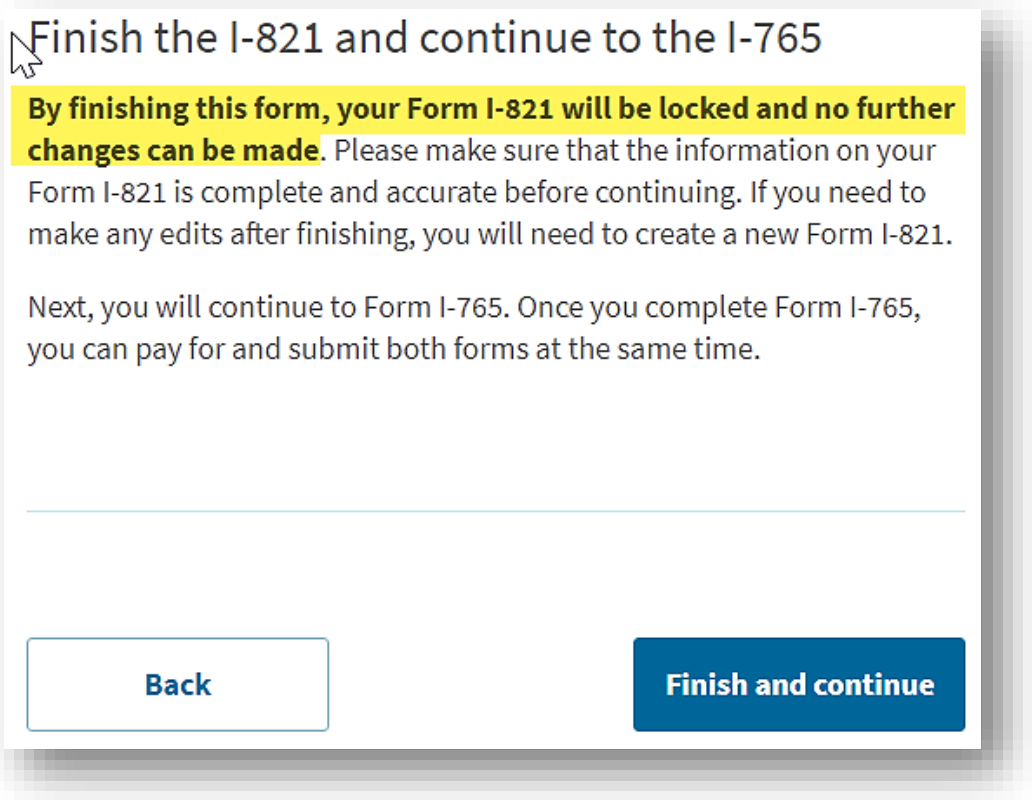
You must provide your digital signature below by typing your full legal name. We may deny your application if you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents. We will record the date of your signature with your application.

Your Full Name Here

Finishing Your Form

Moving on to Form I-765 (EAD)

- Check answers on Form I-821 before moving on
- Pay and submit both forms at the end



Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

* Submitted online with Form I-821 (“concurrent filing”)

Online Form Navigation

Same navigation as Form I-821

- Vertical list on left side
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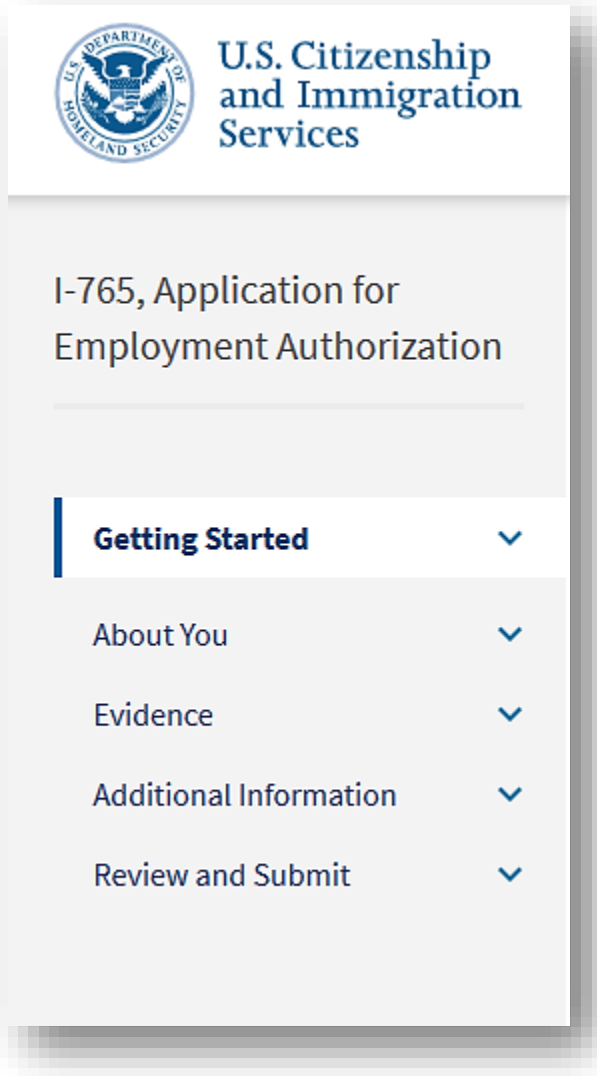
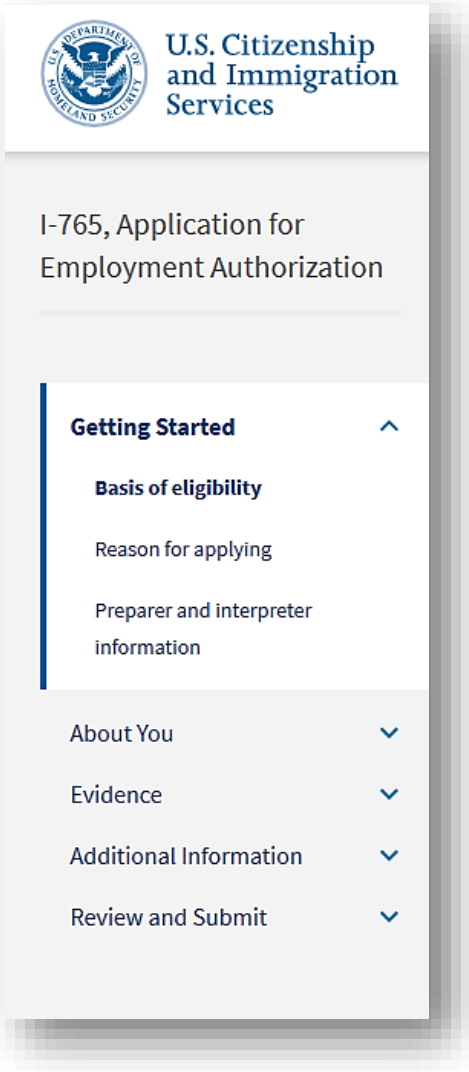
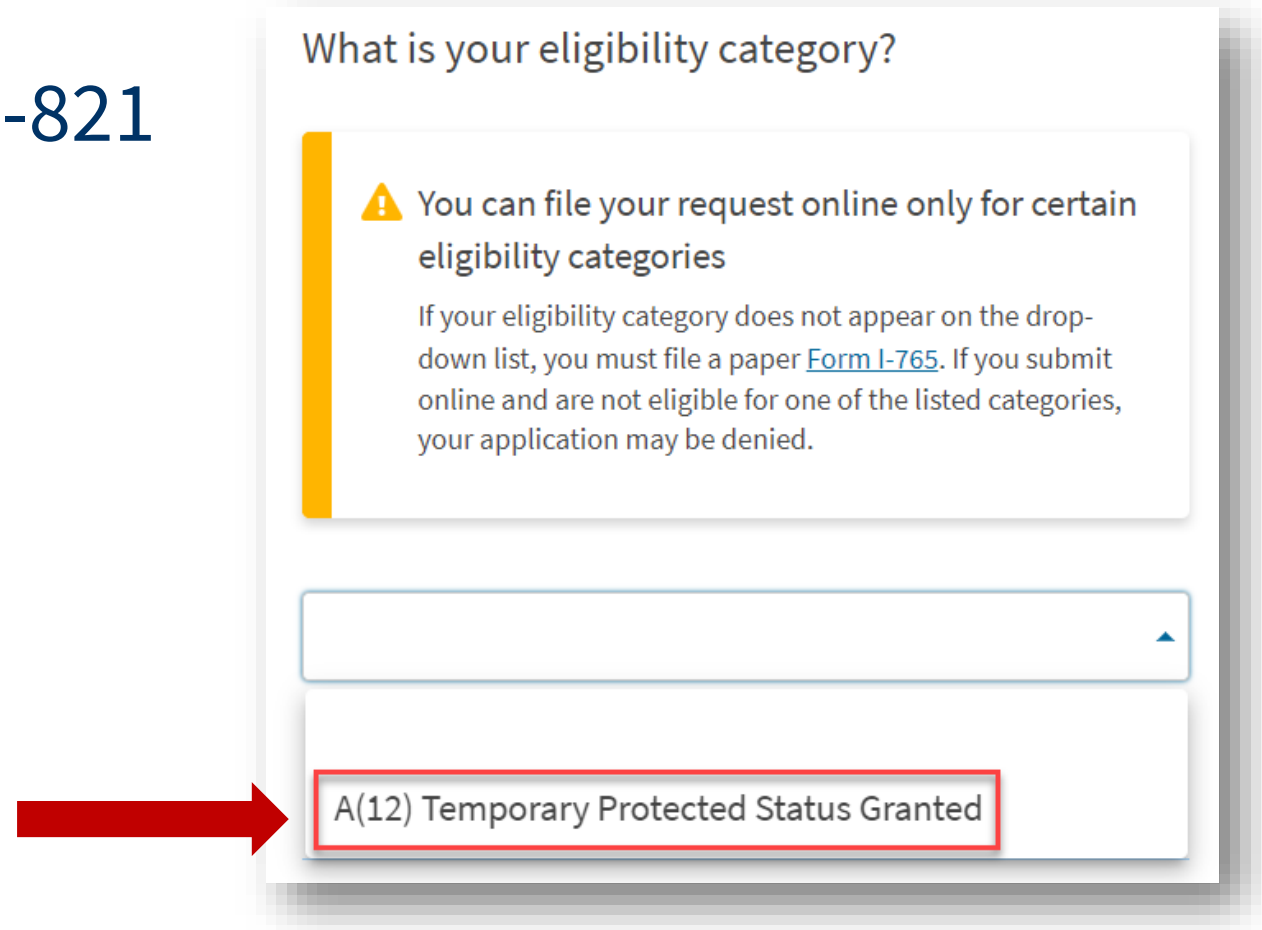
- Sections collapse and expand





Form Navigation - Basis of Eligibility

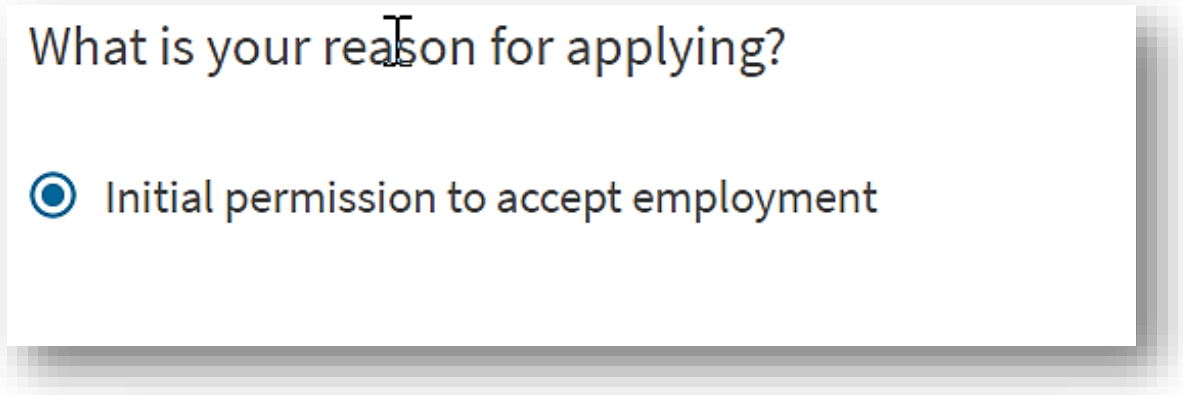
- Concurrent filing with Form I-821
- Eligibility status: (a)(12) Temporary Protected Status

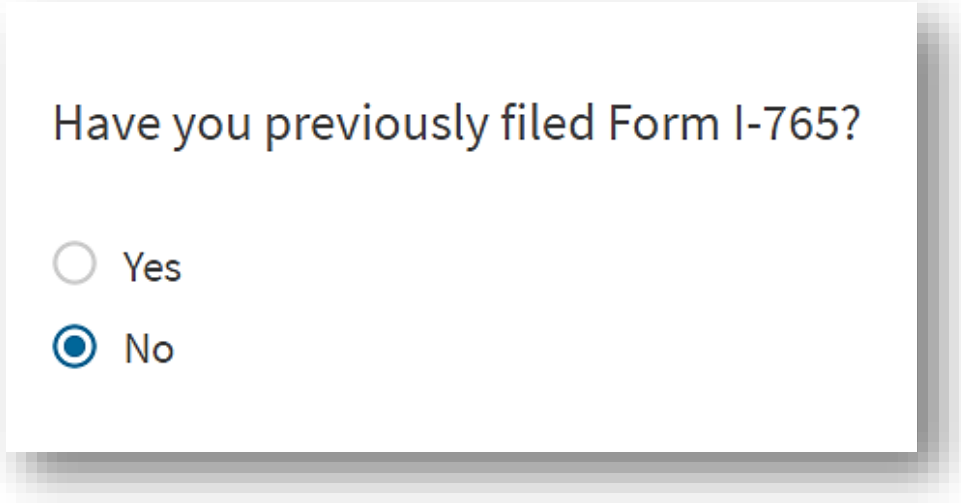


Filling Out the Form - Getting Started

Why are you applying?

Did you submit Form I-765 before?





Filling Out the Form - Getting Started

Follow same steps as you did for Form I-821

Getting Started

Basis of eligibility

Reason for applying

Preparer and interpreter information

About You

Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

Your immigration information

Other information

Filling Out the Form - Other Information

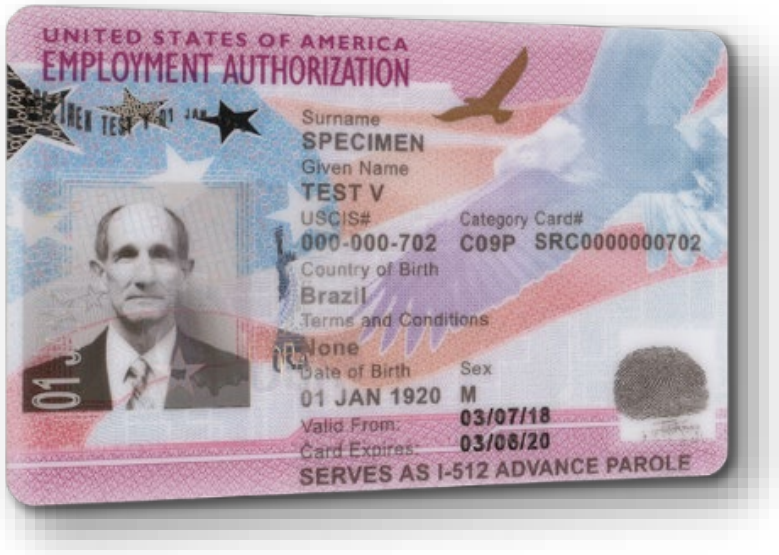
Do you want the Social Security Administration to issue you a Social Security card?

- If yes, you need to give us authorization to submit your request to SSA
- Enter your father's first and last name, and your mother's first and last name

Filling Out the Form - Evidence

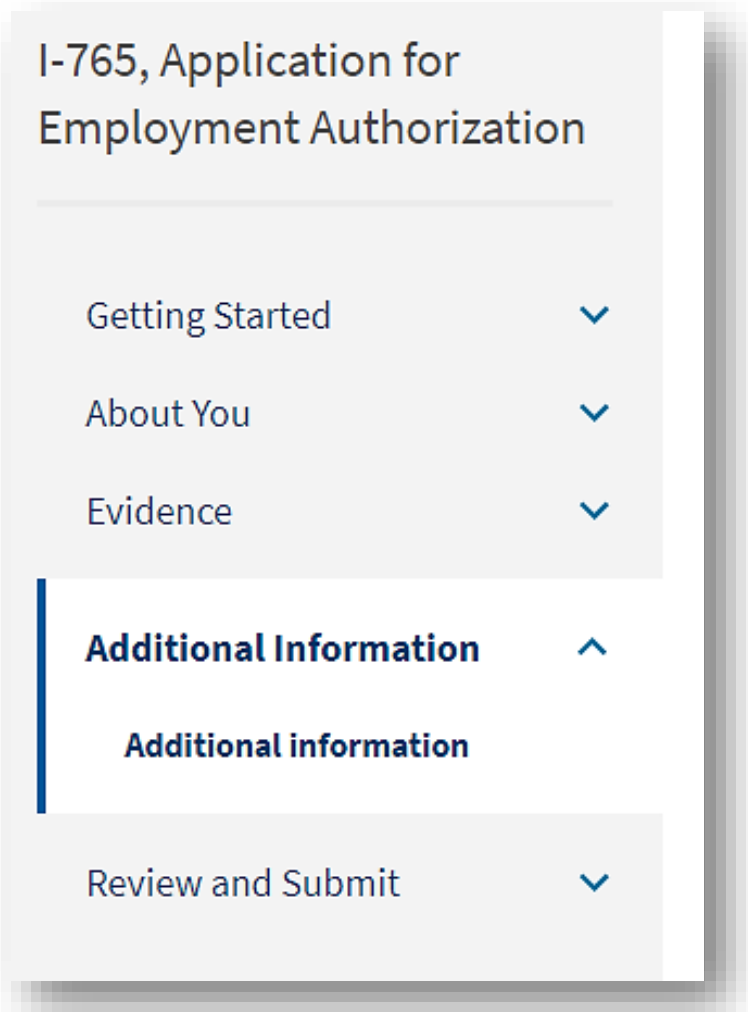
All Form I-765 applicants must provide:

- 2”x2” passport-style photograph (JPG, JPEG, or PNG)
- I-94 card (both sides), travel document (both sides), or electronic I-94
- Most recent EAD, if you have one (both sides)
- If no EAD, copy of government-issued photo ID
- Proof of identity and nationality

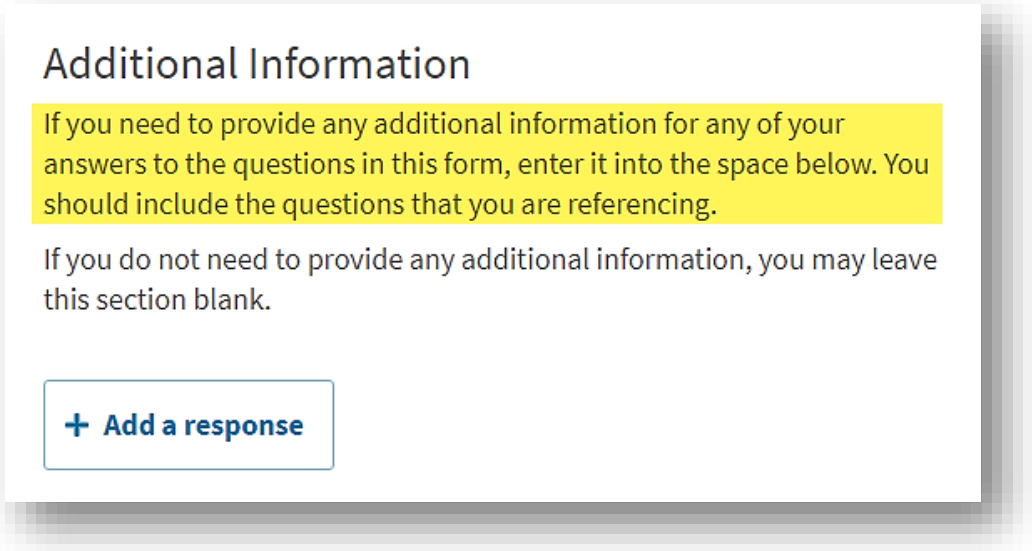


****Our checklist reviews the kinds of evidence you may need to submit:* www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/checklist-of-required-initial-evidence-for-form-i-765-for-informational-purposes-only

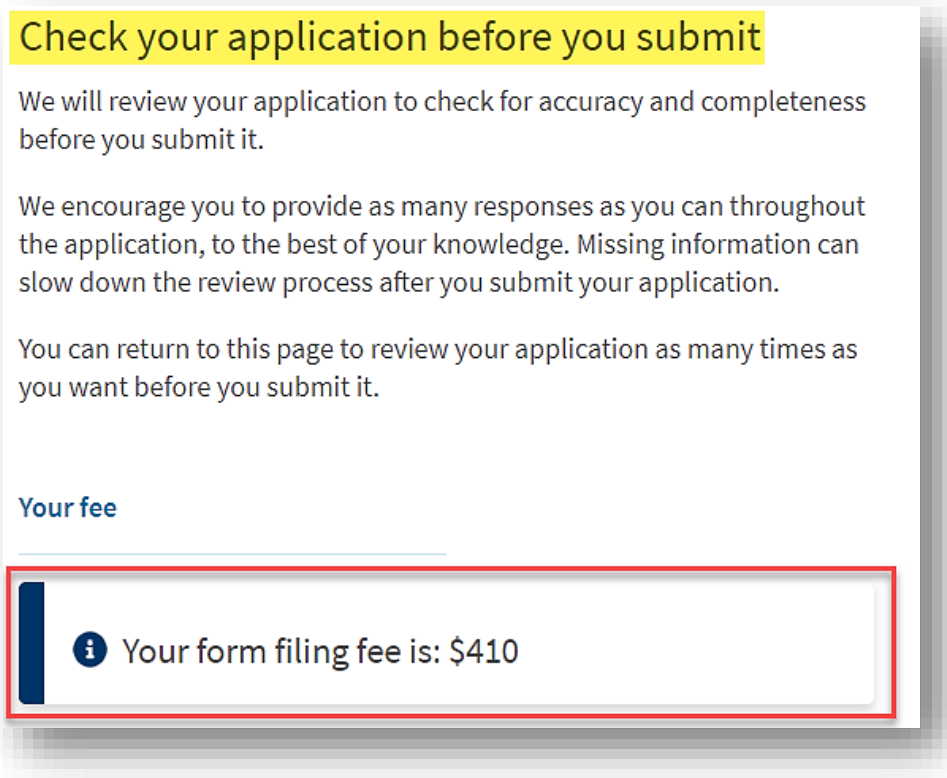
Filling Out the Form - Additional Info



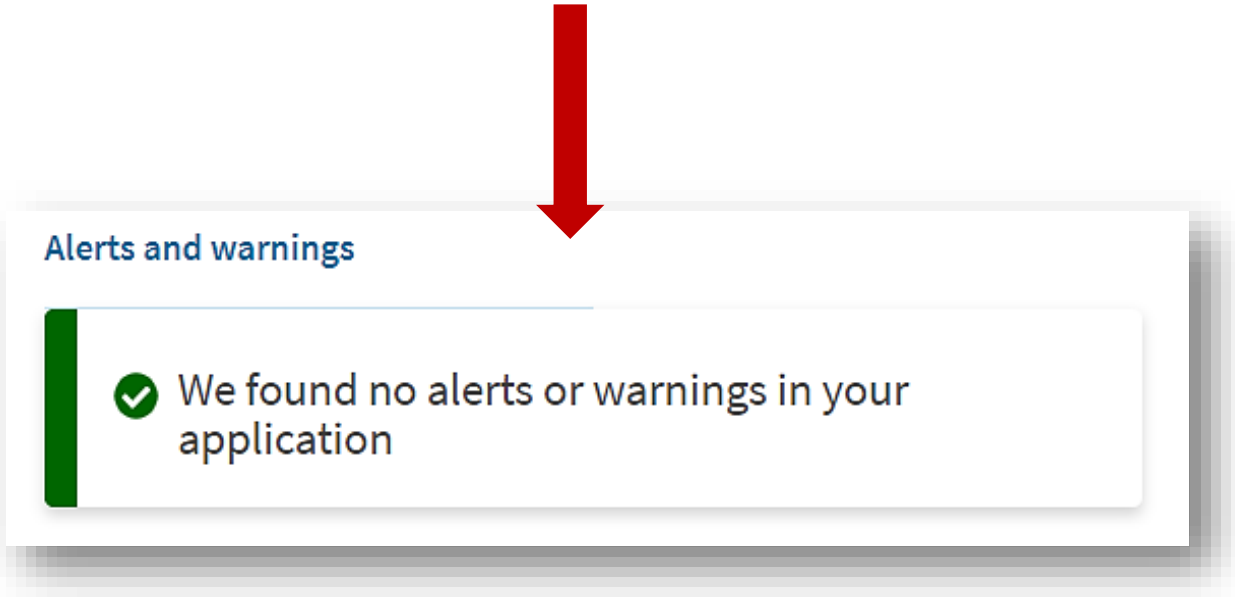
You are not required to provide additional information, but you do have the option to



Checking Your Application

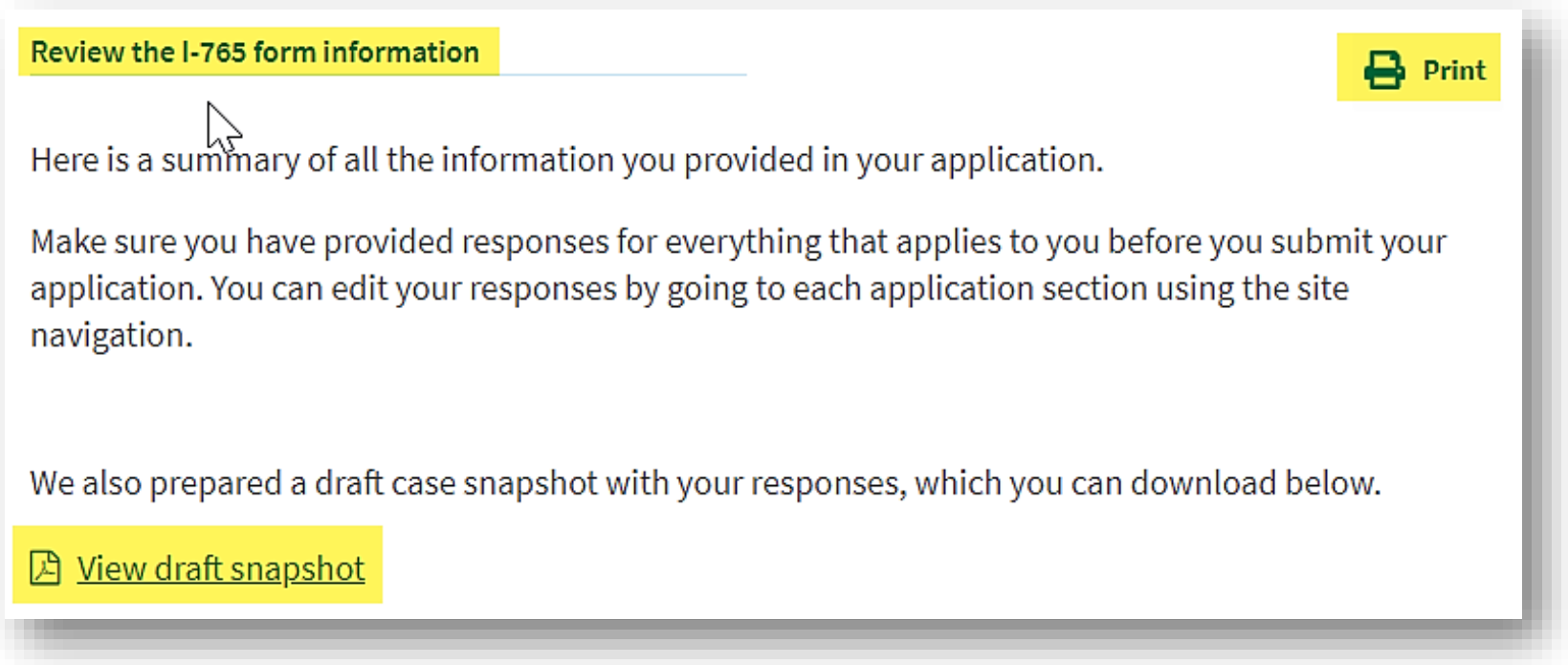


- Always review your application
- Resolve any alerts or warnings



Reviewing Your Application

Review, Print and Save



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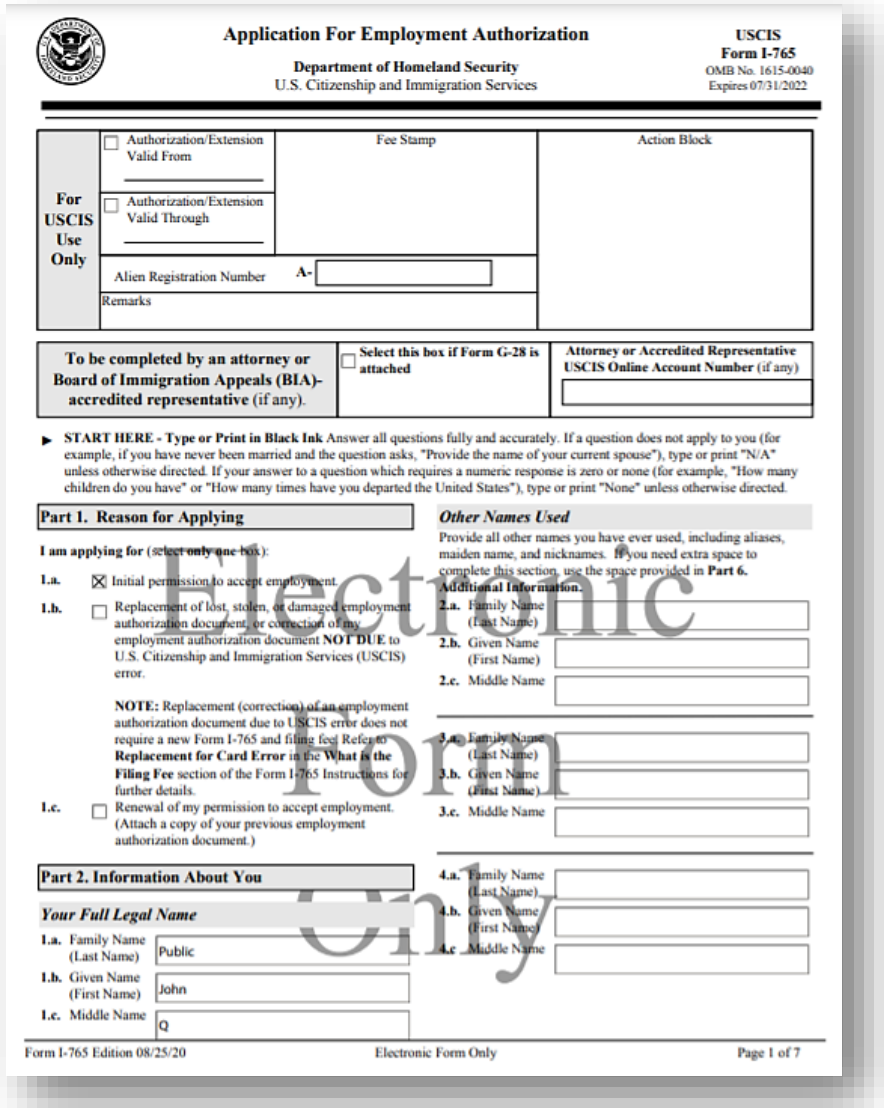

Application For Employment Authorization

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

USCIS
Form I-765
OMB No. 1615-0040
Expires 07/31/2022

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Authorization/Extension Valid From

Authorization/Extension Valid Through

Fee Stamp

Action Block

Alien Registration Number A-

Remarks

To be completed by an attorney or Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)-accredited representative (if any).

Select this box if Form G-28 is attached

Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

▶ START HERE - Type or Print in Black Ink 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.

Part 1. Reason for Applying

I am applying for (select only one box):

1.a. ☒ Initial permission to accept employment.

1.b. ☐ Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document, or correction of my employment authorization document **NOT DUE** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) error.

NOTE: Replacement (correction) of an employment authorization document due to USCIS error does not require a new Form I-765 and filing fee. Refer to **Replacement for Card Error** in the **What is the Filing Fee** section of the Form I-765 Instructions for further details.

1.c. ☐ Renewal of my permission to accept employment. (Attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document.)

Part 2. Information About You

Your Full Legal Name

1.a. Family Name (Last Name) Public

1.b. Given Name (First Name) John

1.c. Middle Name Q

Other Names Used

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information.**

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

3.c. Middle Name

4.a. Family Name (Last Name)

4.b. Given Name (First Name)

4.c. Middle Name

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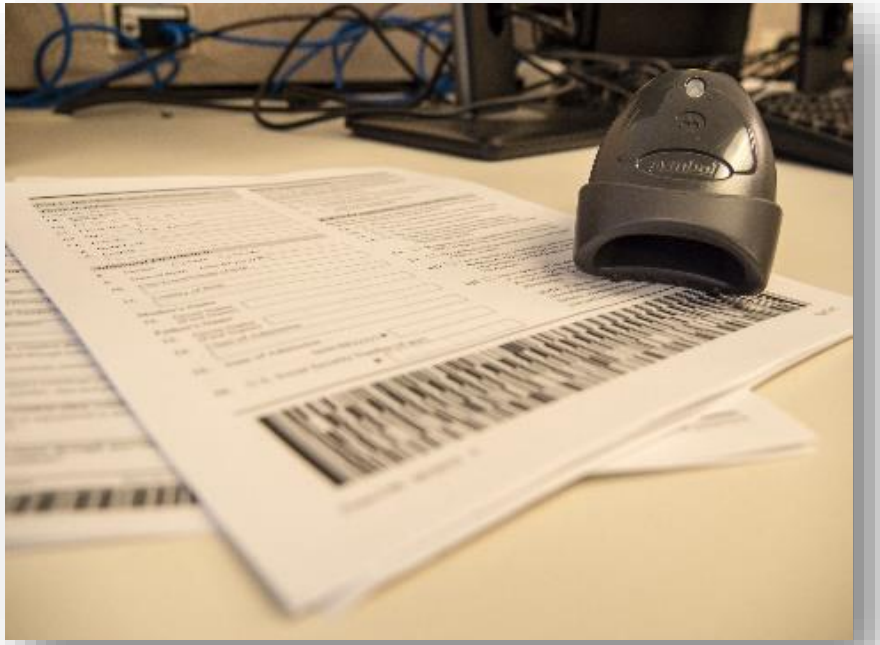
You can download, save or print your completed form



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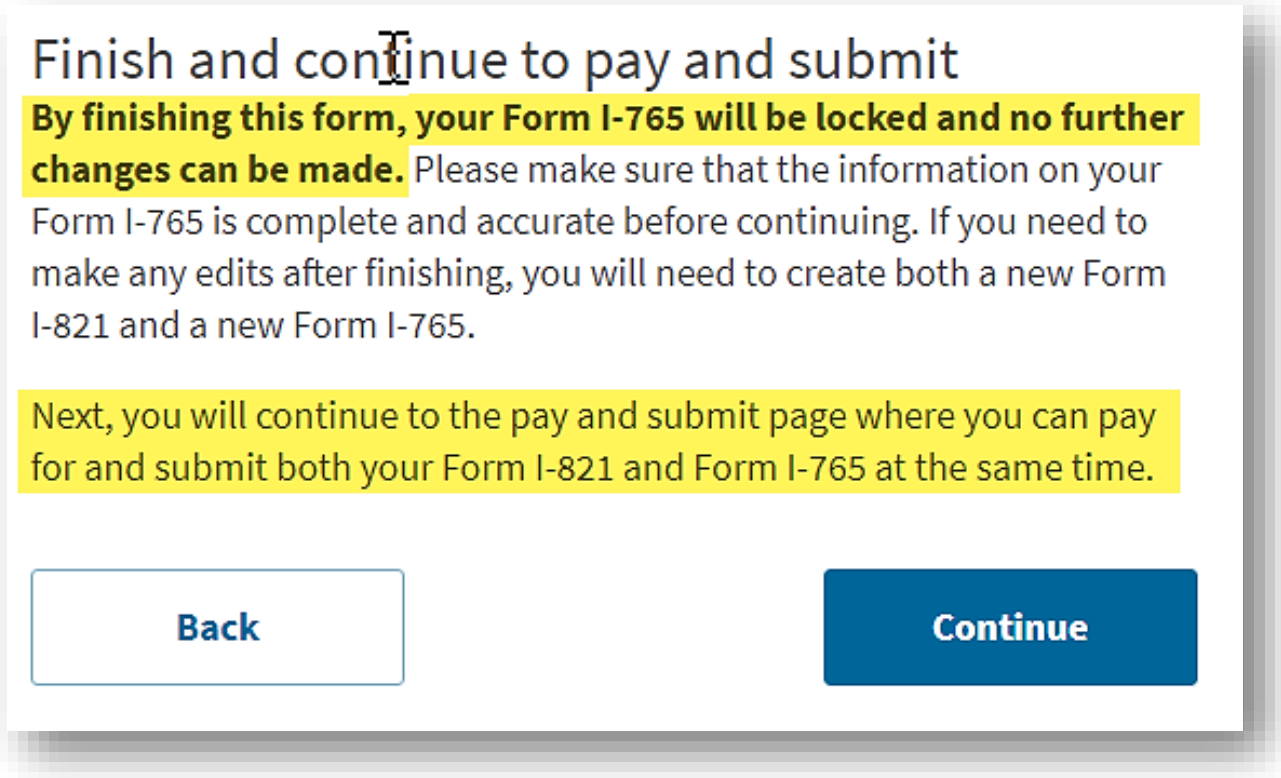
Review, Pay and Submit



- Did you review your answers?
- You will pay for both forms at the same time

The Final Step

Pay for and submit your applications

The final step to submit your Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization is to pay the required fee.

Category	Amount
Form I-821	$50
Form I-765	$410
Biometrics	$85
Your total application fee is:	$545

We will send you to Pay.gov — our safe, secure payment website — to pay your fees and submit your application online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

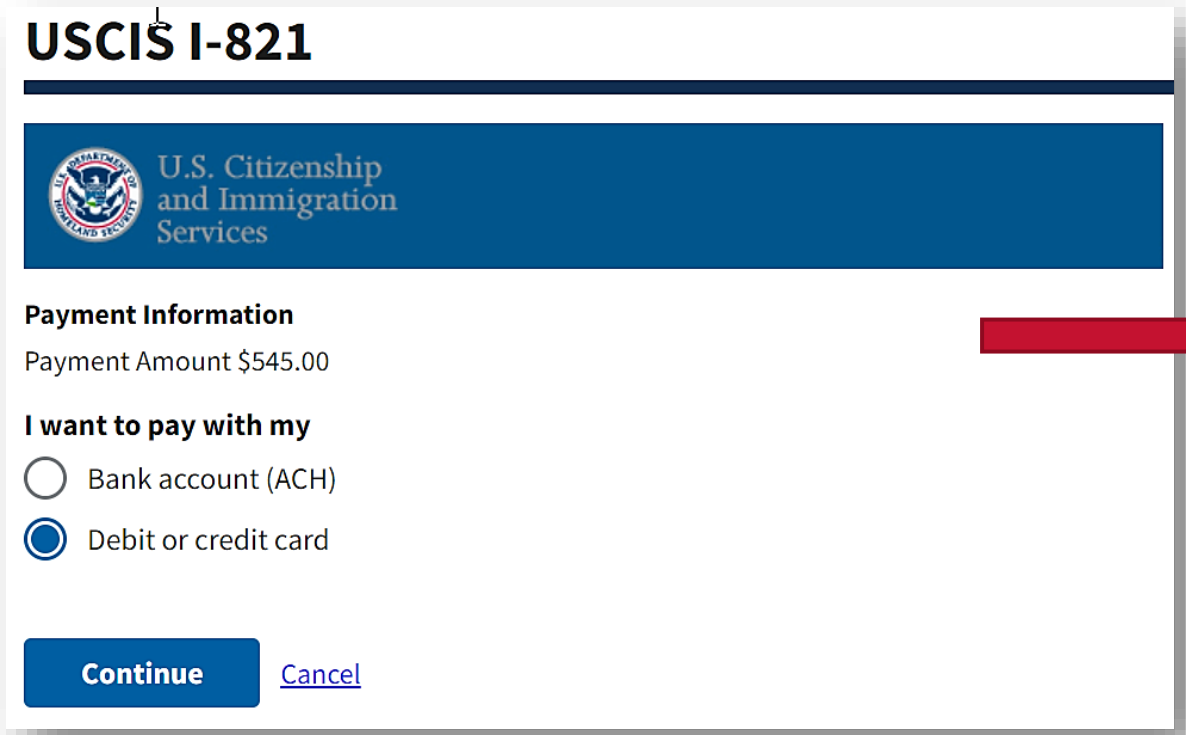
1. Provide your billing information on Pay.gov
2. Provide your credit card or U.S. bank account information
3. Submit your payment

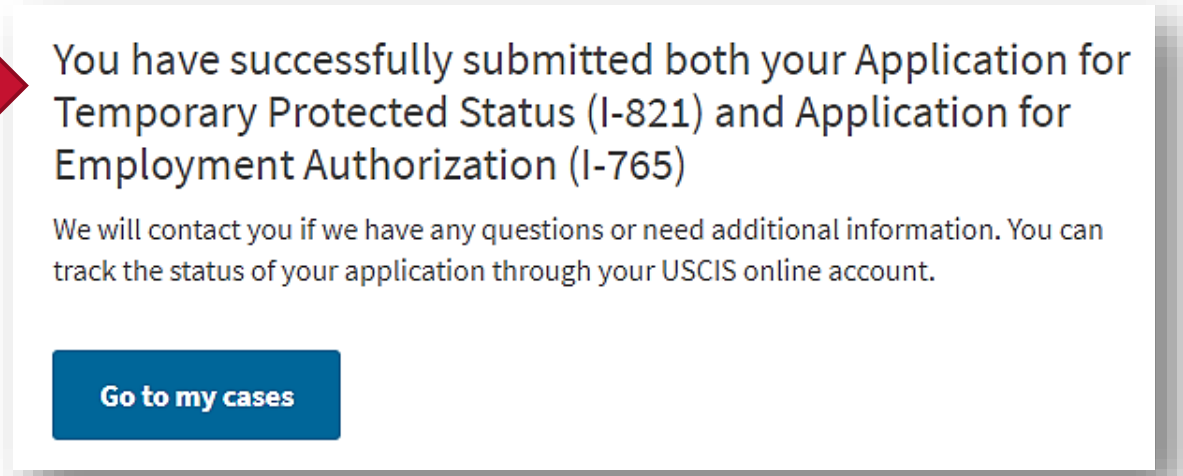
When you have paid your fee, your application will be submitted.

Pay.gov will redirect you to a uscis.gov confirmation screen, which will include your receipt number. Please keep a copy of your receipt number for your records. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account.

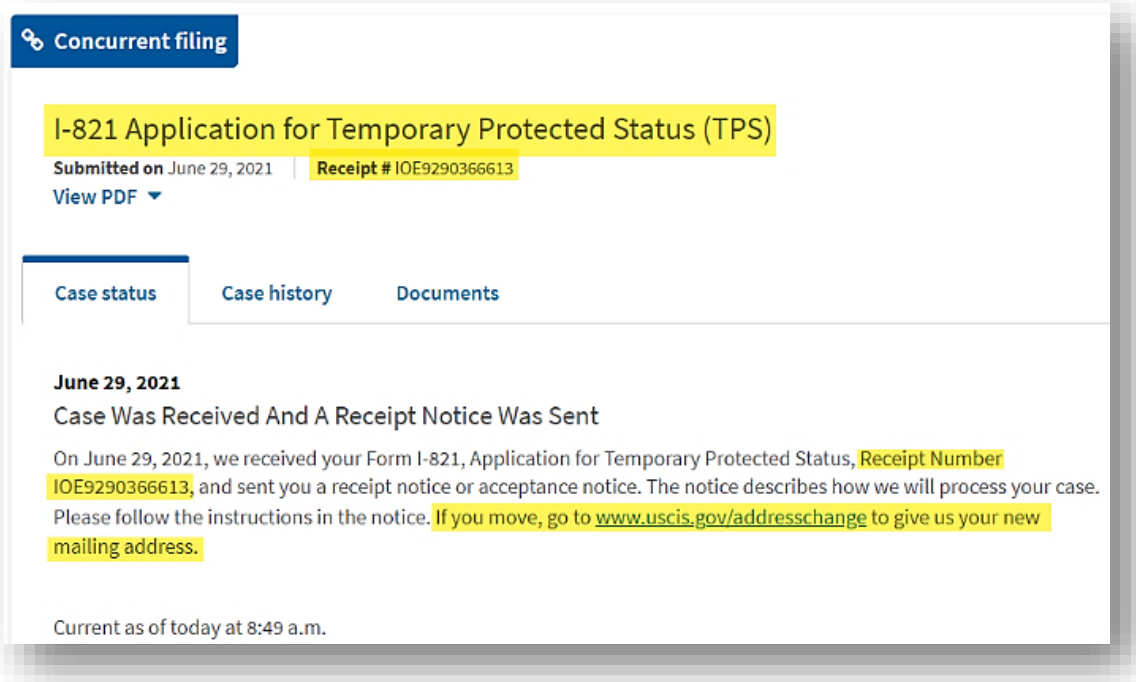
Pay and submit

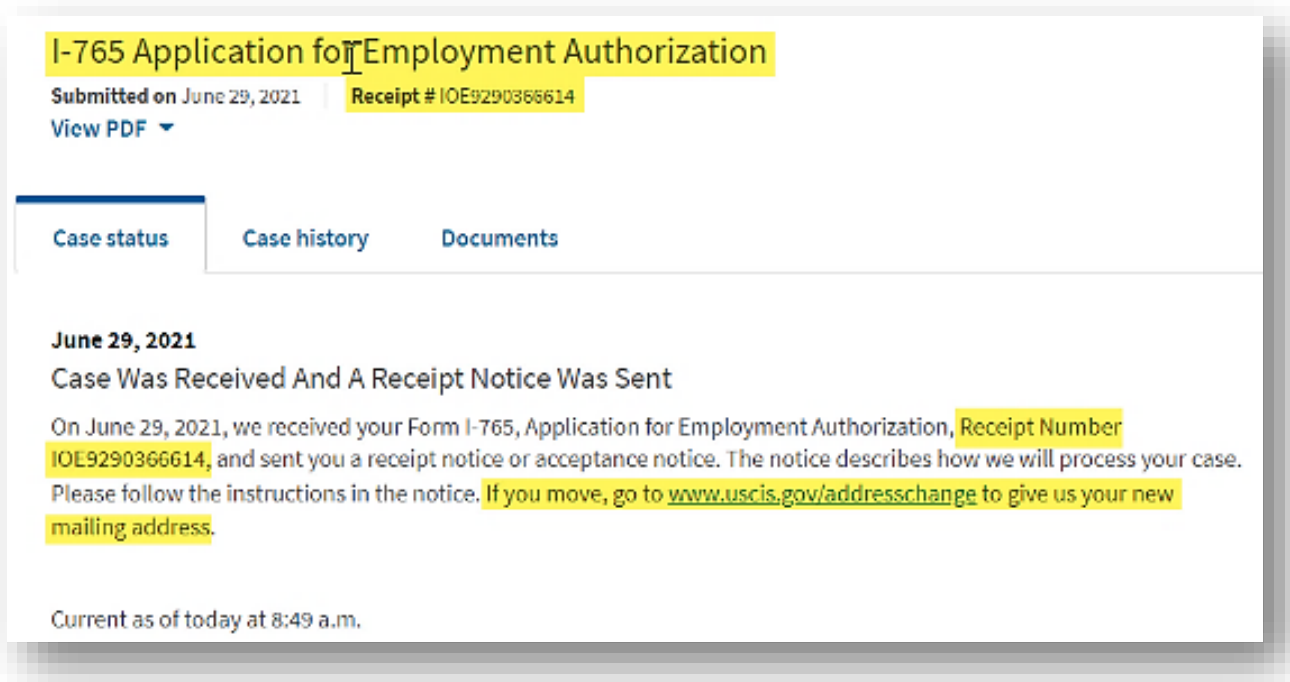
Pay For Your Forms





Your "Case Cards"





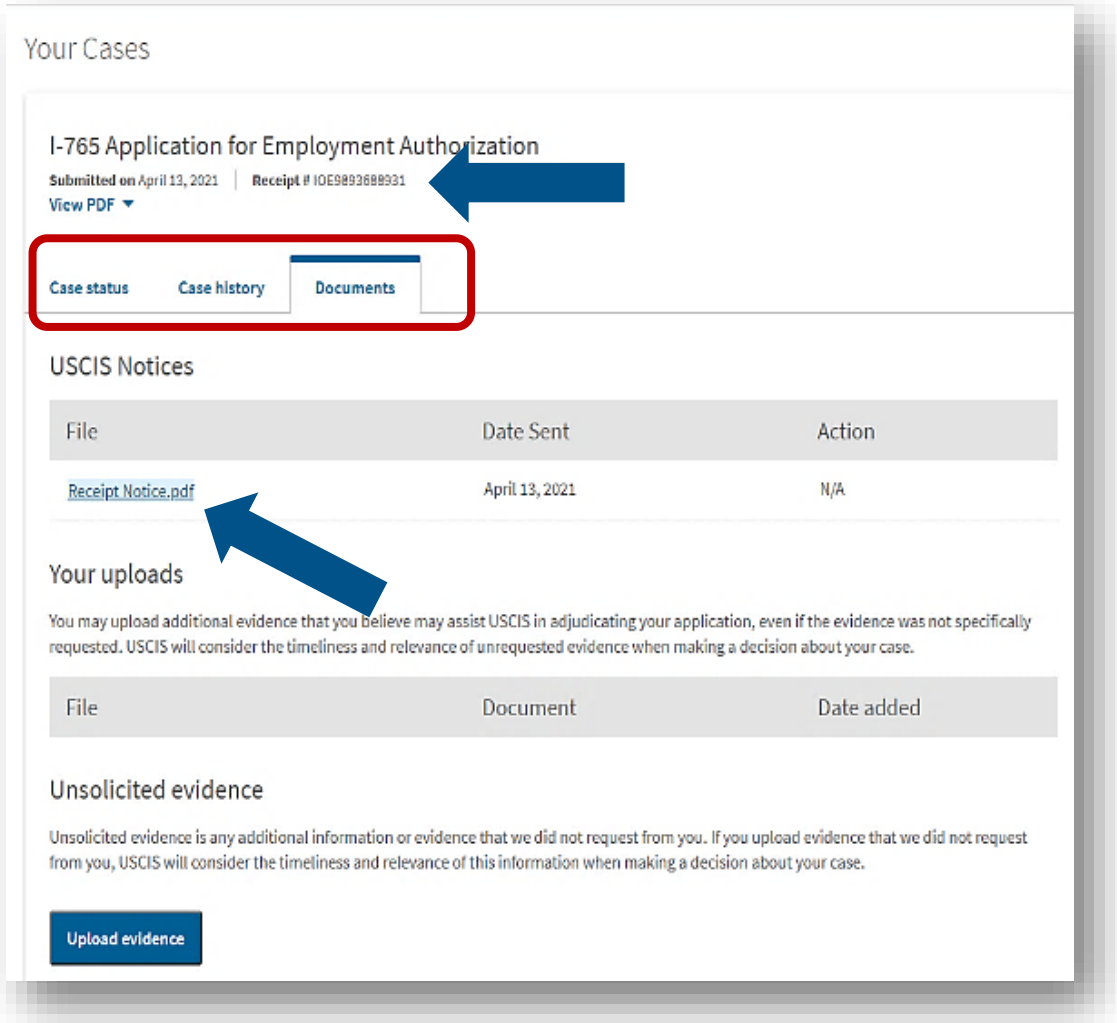
If you move: update your address in your online account profile and here: **uscis.gov/addresschange**

Tracking Your Cases

If filed online, all notices are posted to your account

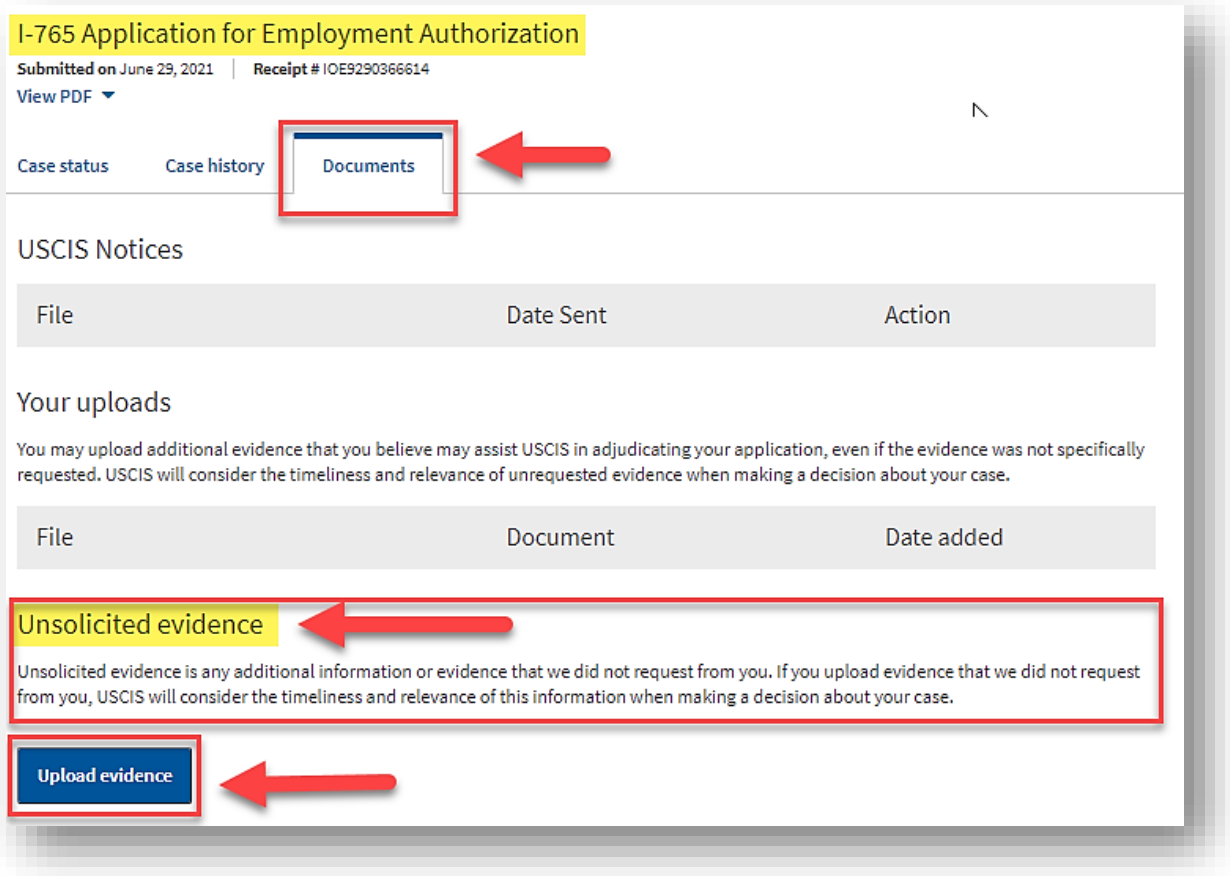
- Receipt notice
- Biometrics appointment notice
- Request for Evidence (RFE)
- PDF of your completed form
- Decision letter

* Notices are also mailed to the address on file

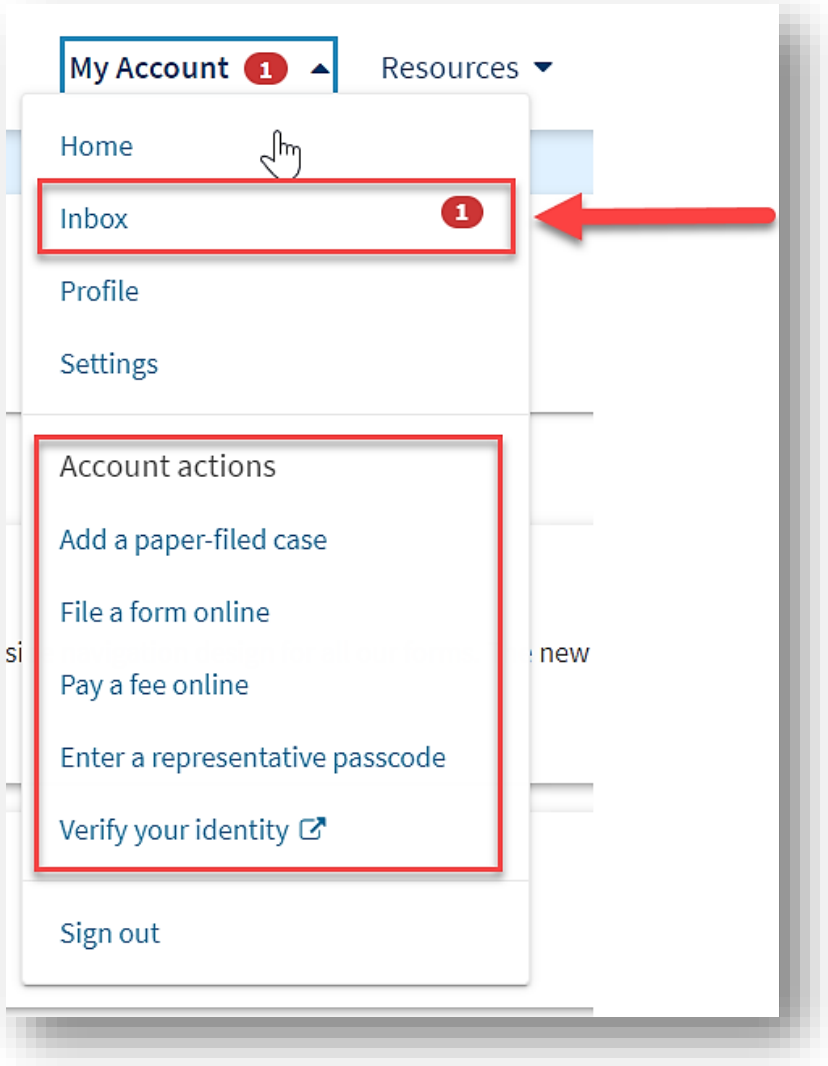


Uploading Evidence - Solicited and Unsolicited

- Choose the application you want to add to
- Choose the ‘Documents’ tab
- Scroll down and choose ‘Upload Evidence’

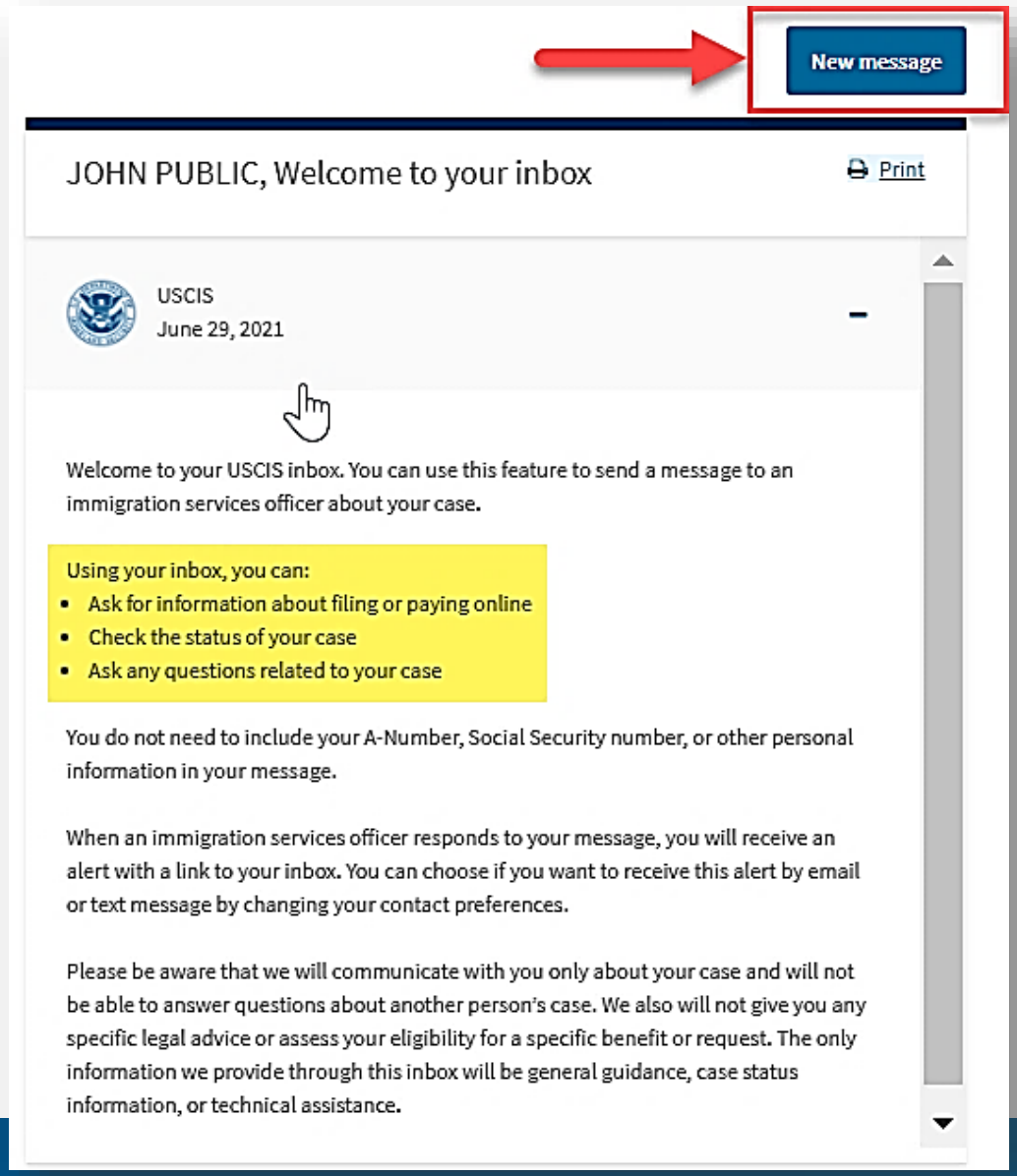


Your USCIS Online Account



- Check your inbox for messages from us
- Add a paper-filed case
- File a form online
- Pay a fee online
- Enter a representative code
- Verify your identity
- Sign up to get automatic case alerts via text and/or email

If You Have Questions



- Send us a secure message through your USCIS online account

Why Go Online?

- File a form online
- Send us secure messages & get answers
- Respond to a request for evidence
- Access notices we send you
- Check case status and sign up for alerts
- Update your address and contact information
- Ask about a typo or missing mail
- Pay online via ACH, a credit or debit card
- Access case information 24/7 from any device

Adding Your Paper Case

USCIS Online Account - File Online

Tips for Filing Forms Online

This page contains tips for filing forms online.

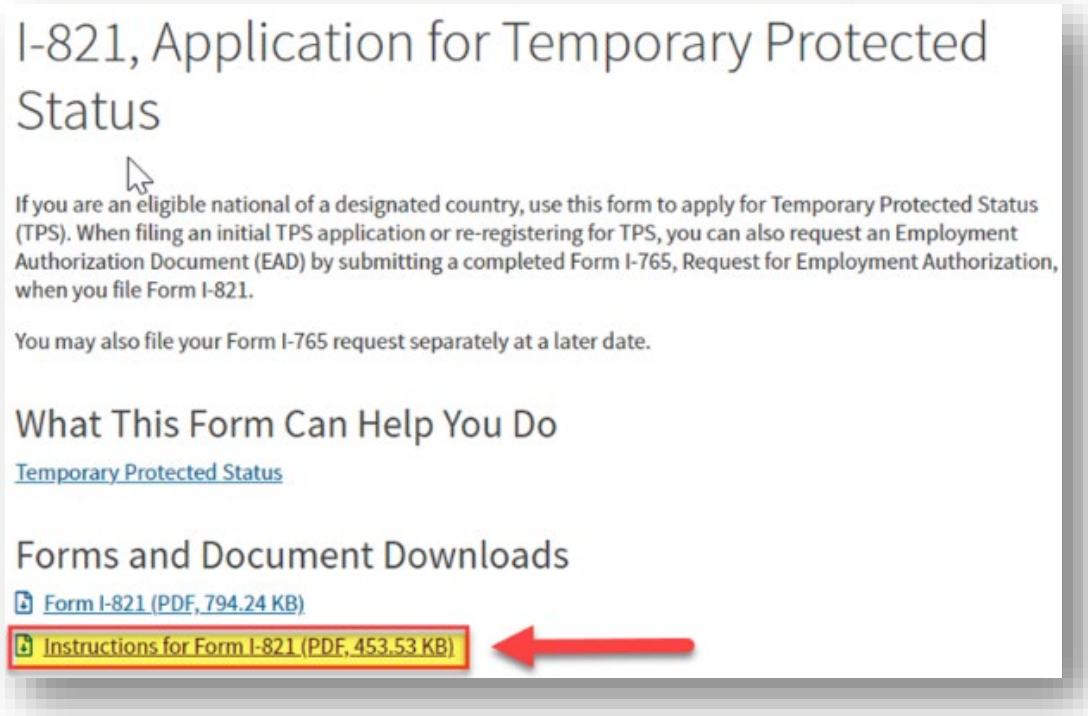
How to Create a USCIS Online Account

You can create and access your USCIS online account from your computer, phone, or tablet.

uscis.gov/file-online

Form Instructions

Form I-821
uscis.gov/i-821



I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status

If you are an eligible national of a designated country, use this form to apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). When filing an initial TPS application or re-registering for TPS, you can also request an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) by submitting a completed Form I-765, Request for Employment Authorization, when you file Form I-821.

You may also file your Form I-765 request separately at a later date.

What This Form Can Help You Do

Temporary Protected Status

Forms and Document Downloads

Form I-821 (PDF, 794.24 KB)

Instructions for Form I-821 (PDF, 453.53 KB)

Form I-765
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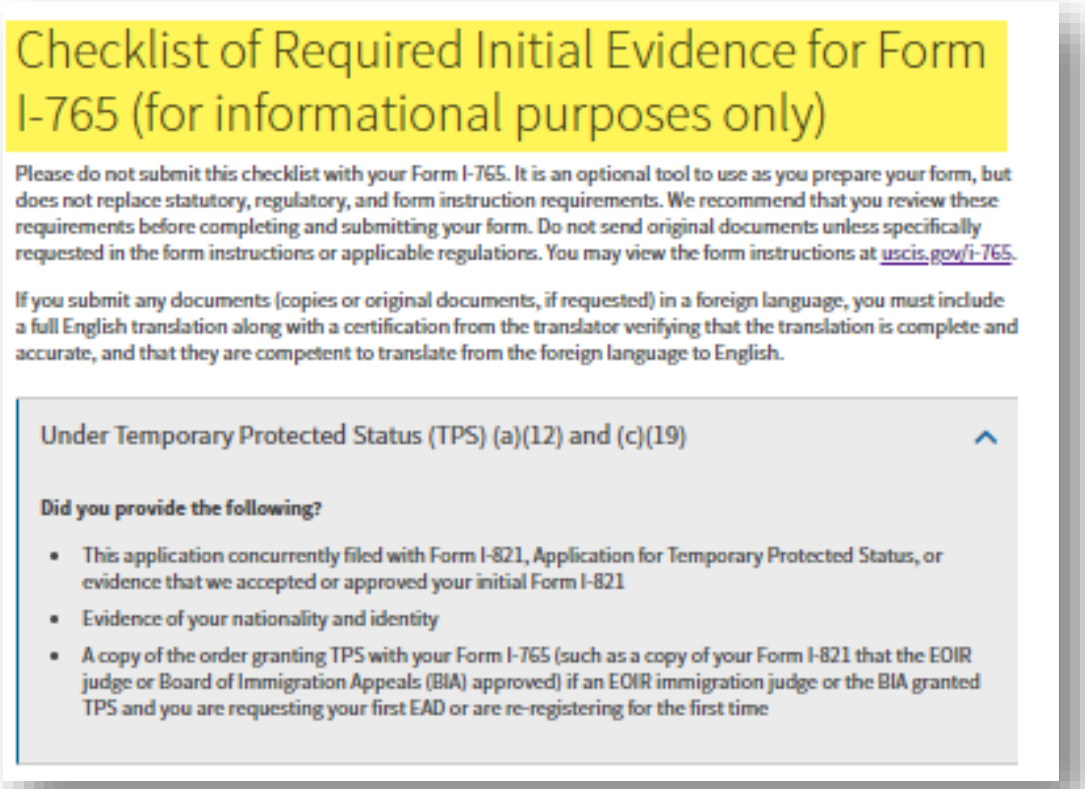

Checklist of Required Initial Evidence for Form I-765 (for informational purposes only)

Please do not submit this checklist with your Form I-765. It is an optional tool to use as you prepare your form, but does not replace statutory, regulatory, and form instruction requirements. We recommend that you review these requirements before completing and submitting your form. Do not send original documents unless specifically requested in the form instructions or applicable regulations. You may view the form instructions at uscis.gov/i-765.

If you submit any documents (copies or original documents, if requested) in a foreign language, you must include a full English translation along with a certification from the translator verifying that the translation is complete and accurate, and that they are competent to translate from the foreign language to English.

Under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) (a)(12) and (c)(19)

Did you provide the following?

- This application concurrently filed with Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, or evidence that we accepted or approved your initial Form I-821
- Evidence of your nationality and identity
- A copy of the order granting TPS with your Form I-765 (such as a copy of your Form I-821 that the EOIR judge or Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) approved) if an EOIR immigration judge or the BIA granted TPS and you are requesting your first EAD or are re-registering for the first time

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Question & Answer Session

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