








Adjustment of Status (Green Card) and Family Petition

The following are the steps that will take place once your case is filed with USCIS. All times are from date of submitting the case to USCIS and are based on current estimated processing times for USCIS cases from Palm Beach County. Other areas may differ in processing times.

-  1. Get Receipts from USCIS: These will be mailed to you after your case is submitted. Our office will also receive a copy. With these receipts you will be able to apply for a drivers license. **ONE MONTH.**
-  2. Receive Biometrics appointment from USCIS: Your biometrics appointment to take your fingerprints and picture will be mailed to you. Our office will also receive a copy and will remind you by emailing you a status report. **TWO MONTHS.**
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*You **might** get a Request for Evidence (RFE): USCIS might mail this RFE notice to you if more information is needed. Often it's for the financial affidavit of support. Your case will be on hold with USCIS until we respond.*
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Immigration Medical Reminder: You should get a notice from USCIS if your medical was not submitted with your original application. We recommend to wait until after you get the work permit before completing the medical. It will be submitted at the interview.
-  3. Receive work permit card from USCIS: This card is also your travel permit, however, check with our office before travelling out of the country. **FOUR - SIX MONTHS.**
-  4. Receive your Social Security (SS) Card in the mail from the SS Office. This card is NOT received from USCIS. If you do not get it a few weeks after the work permit, contact the SS office. We are not able to assist with the SS office. **FOUR - SIX MONTHS.**
-  5. Complete your Immigration Medical: After you get your work permit you can select a Doctor for doing the medical. Keep your medical report in the sealed envelope until your interview when you will hand it in to the immigration officer. Ask for an extra copy to give to your attorney.



6. Get Interview notice from USCIS: You will receive about 3-4 weeks notice before the interview date. This is the time to make sure you have your immigration medical completed and to book your appointment with our office to prepare you for the interview. **ONE YEAR.**



7. Attend immigration interview: Your attorney will attend the interview with you and your petitioner. Prior to this interview you will make your payment for the attorney appearance fee.



*You **might** get a Request for Evidence from the USCIS officer at your interview. This will only happen if you did not bring with you all of the required documents or if you did not bring your medical. Your case cannot be approved until you respond with the evidence requested.*



*You **might** get a notice for a second interview: This could happen if the immigration officer feels they need to meet with you again to determine if it is a bona fide marriage or there is other information they wish to review with you in person.*



Your attorney will do an e-Request to USCIS if your case is pending more than 60 days after your immigration interview. If no response is received after 30 days, we will continue to follow up with additional e-Requests.



8. Your Green Card will be mailed to you once your case is approved. Our office will notify you once the card is being processed so that you can look out for it. When you receive your card you need to book an appointment with the attorney to discuss the next steps for any future immigration applications you may need.



If you change your address, you must notify us right away so that we can update your case with USCIS by filing a change of address report.

Look for monthly status reports we will email to you informing you where you are in this process.

Thank you and please call or email if you have any questions!

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