

Average Processing Times

Below is a chart summarizing the average processing times we are experiencing at our office in cases where a request for more evidence is not issued. The below timeframes are based recent approvals we have received and should only be used as a general reference.

For case specific information, please refer to the USCIS processing times website, where you can monitor your case using your **Receipt Notice** for the application(s) you have filed: <https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/>

Type of Case	Estimated Processing Times After Applications Are Filed with Immigration
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - RENEWAL	3-5 months
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - INITIAL	USCIS is not currently processing these.
Parole in Place / Deferred Action (Based on family in the US Armed Forces)	12.5 months
Applications for Employment Authorization Document (EAD)	3 – 8 months NOTE: This is an average Processing Time for EAD's based on Asylum, Adjustment, Parole in Place, Deferred Action, U Visa.
U-Visa Certifications	These are taking 6-12 months, but it depends on each agency.
U Visa Petition	5 years and 2 months – Waitlist 6 years and 3 months - Approval
U-Visa Extensions	12.5 months
U Visa Adjustment of Status (AOS)	22.5 months
VAWA VAWA AOS	26 months 18 months
Family Based Adjustment of Status (AOS)	19-24 months
Family Petition – Immediate Relative	8 – 14.5 months
Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	27 - 35.5 months

Consular Processing	<p>Wait Times for Immigrant Visa Interview Date at Consulate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mexico = 1-1.5 years - El Salvador = 1-4 months - Guatemala = 6-9 months - Nicaragua = 6-9 months <p>NOTE: Processing times are significantly longer than before due to COVID related consulate closures</p> <p>NOTE: Processing times vary because the National Visa Center processes cases based on country and appointment availability at consulates</p>
Resident Alien Card - After Immigrant Visa Approval and Immigrant Fee is paid online	3 – 6 months
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residency	18-24 months
Resident Alien Card Renewal / Replacement	13 months
Application for Naturalization	11-18 months
Application to Replace a NATZ Certificate	10-12 months
Application for Certificate of Naturalization	9-11.5 months
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)	<p>1. Child Custody:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Carolina = 3-6 months, depending on judge - South Carolina = 3-6 months, depending on judge <p>2. SIJS Petition = 6 – 9 months</p> <p>3. Wait for Priority Date to become Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Visa Bulletin listed on our website, but around 2-2.5 years for Mexico and 5 years for ELS/GUAT/HOND <p>4. Adjustment of Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications with USCIS = 12-18 months - Applications in Immigration Court = 18-24 months, but this depends on date of an Individual Hearing
Advance Parole	6-9 months
K-Visa (AKA Fiancé Visa)	6-13 months
Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U1 Nonimmigrant	22.5 months
FOIA Investigation	6-8 months, but EOIR (Immigration Court) is taking 1+ years
Stay of Removal	6-8 months