

Immigration Update

Fall 2023

USCIS Launches Online Appointment Request Form

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) launched a new online form to request in-person appointments!

This is a significant benefit to anyone interacting with USCIS because the online appointment request form will allow individuals or their attorneys to request in-person appointments without calling the USCIS Contact Center.

USCIS will review submitted requests, confirm the need for an appointment, and schedule appointment based on availability.

Once you make an appointment request through the online form, USCIS will provide a reference number associated with your request. Make sure to keep this reference number because USCIS may need to contact you or your attorney and, when USCIS contacts you, they will need this reference number.

This online form is expected to enhance the customer service experience by collecting required information upfront and potentially scheduling the requested appointment without any further engagement with the USCIS Contact Center.

USCIS Updates Voter Registration Guidance for Naturalization Ceremonies

USCIS issued guidance clarifying their policy on voter registration at naturalization ceremonies.

USCIS' goal with this new guidance is to promote and encourage new citizens to exercise their right to vote, remove agency obstacles that may prevent new citizens from registering to vote at naturalization ceremonies, and expand access to voter registration.

The updated guidance states:

- USCIS will provide access to voter registration services at every ceremony, including providing information for voting and voter registration;
- USCIS will ask election officials from state or local government election offices to attend ceremonies to distribute, collect, and review registration applications, and to officially register new citizens to vote;

- USCIS will coordinate with non-partisan, non-governmental organizations for voter registration services when state and local government election officials are not available; and
- When possible, USCIS will invite governmental or non-governmental organizations that offer on-site voter registration services the opportunity to introduce themselves and address the naturalization candidates before the ceremony.

Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, and this country, and this world.

- Sharon Salzberg

USCIS Publishes Revised Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification

On August 1, 2023, USCIS published a revised version of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification.

The improvements to the revised form I-9 include:

- Reducing the form to a single-sided sheet;
- Making the form compatible on tablets and mobile devices;
- The Translator's area for certification is now a separate supplement to be provided only when necessary;
- The Reverification and Rehire section is now a separate supplement that allows employers to complete only when required; and
- USCIS revised the List of Acceptable Documents to include receipts for pending immigration documents, as well as guidance and links to information on automatic extensions of employment authorization documents.

Additionally, the new Form I-9 has a checkbox for employers enrolled in E-Verify to indicate they have remotely examined identity and other employment authorization documents.

To remotely examine identity and other employment authorization documents needed for the Form I-9, employers *must*:

- Be enrolled in E-Verify;
- Examine and retain copies of all documents;
- Conduct a live video interaction with the employee; and
- Create an E-Verify case if the employee is a new hire.

Starting November 1, 2023, all employers must use the new Form I-9.

For more information, please visit <https://www.federalregister.gov/>.

Upcoming Immigration Presentations: (open to all community members)

Casper College

Immigration 101

September 13, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Family-Based Immigration Petitions

September 20, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Register at:

<https://caspercollege.augusoft.net>
Click "Fall 2023 Classes"

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Laramie County Community College

Immigration 101

October 11, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Family-Based Immigration Petitions

October 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Presented in English and Spanish

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Register at: lccc.coursestorm.com

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Ms. Jordan Out and About in the Community!

Ms. Jordan has been actively supporting immigration causes in the Wyoming community. She recently served as volunteer counsel for the University of Wyoming's Immigration Outreach Event. She was also a guest at the HOPE Cheyenne Scholarship Reception.

Upcoming community events:

- YMCA of Natrona County Welcoming Week – Sept. 8-17, 2023
- Cheyenne Hispanic Festival – Sept. 9-10, 2023

To Setup an Initial Consultation
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