

USCIS Announces Premium Processing Fee Increase

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On October 30, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that the fee for premium processing will increase to \$1,440 from the current fee of \$1,410. Premium processing is an optional service available for many employment-based I-129 and I-140 petitions providing for 15-day government processing. The fee increase will take effect on December 2, 2019. USCIS stated that the \$30 increase adjusts the fee to reflect inflation based on the Consumer Price Index. Premium processing was introduced in 2001, with the last fee increase — a fifteen percent hike — occurring in 2018.

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