

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Streamlines Social Security Administration Applications for Form I-485 Permanent Resident Applicants

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On Monday, August 9, 2021, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **announced** that applicants filing for permanent resident status may also apply for a Social Security number or replacement card as part of their adjustment of status application process. USCIS has revised Form I-485 to include additional necessary questions for those wishing to apply for a Social Security number or replacement card.

Upon approval of the applicant's Form I-485, USCIS will send the applicant's data to the Social Security Administration, which will automatically issue the applicant an original Social Security Number or replacement card. These changes are effective immediately and do not increase the filing fee for Form I-485. Prior to this announcement, applicants had to apply for a Social Security number separately at a Social Security office.

We will continue to monitor changes surrounding this announcement and provide updates as needed. In the meantime, please contact your Mintz attorney with any questions.

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