

USCIS to Require In-Person Interviews for Employment-Based Green Card Process

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USCIS **announced** it will expand the in-person interview process for certain beneficiaries of permanent residency applications.

In compliance with President Trump's executive **order**, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States," USCIS will begin to phase-in in-person interviews for the following:

- Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residency or Adjust Status applications based on employment; and
- Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions for beneficiaries inside the United States petitioning to join a principal asylee/refugee applicant

Beneficiaries applying in these categories have not traditionally required an interview. Given the pending change, U.S. employers sponsoring foreign nationals for permanent residency should plan for longer wait times for adjudication of green card applications.

We will continue to monitor developments related to the implementation of the new interview requirement and will update you with any important developments.

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