

USCIS Resumes Premium Processing on Phased Schedule in June 2020

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) announced on May 29, 2020, that it will resume premium processing for eligible petitions through a phased approach beginning on June 1, 2020.

Premium processing service provides expedited processing for Form I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker (for H, L, O, P, Q, R, and TN classifications) and Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker (excluding the EB-1 category for multinational executives and managers, and the EB-2 category seeking a National Interest Waiver). Specifically, USCIS guarantees processing within 15 calendar days to those who choose to use this service, or it will refund the premium processing service fee and will continue with expedited processing. USCIS temporarily suspended premium processing service in March 2020 due to COVID-19.

Effective June 1, 2020, USCIS has resumed premium processing on a phased schedule as described below:

USCIS has indicated that all of these dates are subject to change as USCIS continues to take on more premium processing requests. Therefore, we recommend that employers and foreign nationals consult with their immigration counsel immediately if they plan to request premium processing service regarding pending and/or future cases.

Please contact the authors or your Miller Canfield attorney with further questions.

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