

## COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- [Do I really need a lawyer](#)

Today, most of immigration application forms and information are available online. If your English is perfect, you can handle simple matters like naturalization or extension of student visa all by yourself. However, due to the increasing complexity of immigration law, most of people will need assistant from legal profession. Remember for any case, it is very difficult to try the second time if you failed first time.

- [What I need to bring for appointment with attorney](#)

You need to bring essential documents like passport, I-94 entry record, I-20s for student, I-797A Notice of Approval, all past immigration applications and receipts, all immigration court records, Notice to Appear if you want attorney to make a fair assessment on your case.

- [How much is USCIS filing fee](#)

You can find this information at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), just click on “Form Filing Fee” on their Home Screen.

- [How soon will I receive the USCIS receipt after filing the case](#)

It takes approximately 1-2 weeks after filing.

- [What is my case number](#)

Your case number is your receipt number. It usually appears on the up left corner of your receipt and starts with three capital letters like EAC, MSC.

- [Will I receive the receipt](#)

In any case, only petitioner or applicant and attorney will receive the receipt. For example, if your husband, a US Citizen applied relative petition for you, the identical receipt will be mailed to your husband and your husband’s lawyer. You, as a beneficiary of the case, will not receive any receipt. For another example, if your company applied H-1B visa for you, the receipt will be mailed to your boss and boss’s attorney, not you.

- [How long will my case be processed](#)

You can find this information at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), just click on “Processing Time” on their Home Screen.

- [What kind of payment method law office accept](#)

We only accept personal check, cash and money order.

- [When the visa number is available for my case](#)

You can find this information at Department of State Visa Bulletin  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin\\_1360.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin_1360.html)