

Immigration Changes

Department of Labor

- Attorney fees:

Effective July 17th, employers obligation to pay for labor certification processes

Effects mainly research positions

- Deadline for filing immigrant petitions based on an approved Labor Certification Application: 180 days

USCIS Service Fees

Effective July 30

- H-1B petitions:
- \$500 anti-fraud fee remains the same
- \$1000 premium processing remains the same

Form	Description	Current fee	New fee
I-129 (paid by employer)	Petition for nonimmigrant worker	\$190	\$320
I-539 (paid by employee)	Application to extend/change dependent's status	\$200	\$300

Check requests for H-1B's

- Note: Ask for SEPARATE checks for \$320 and \$500 (and \$1000 if applicable).
- Request Express Checks and request as early as possible!! Follow-up with acct.
- Note the CA Service Center option in People Soft when requesting checks (address sequence #5)

USCIS Service Fees

Effective July 30

- Immigrant petitions, Form I-140
- Adjustment Applications I-485 (green card applications)

Form	Description	Current fee	New fee
I-140	Petition for an immigrant worker	\$195	\$475
I-485	Green card applications	\$325	\$1010

Visa Numbers

- July 2007 Employment Based Visa Numbers Open, Then Shut
- AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association) Lawsuit pending

Farewell

- Service will continue with delays related to PR processes after Richard's departure to Washington State University