# Travel Packet: Immigration Legal Information

San Diego Rapid Response Network's Migrant Shelter

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This packet contains resources created by non-governmental and governmental organizations. Jewish Family Service of San Diego created some of these materials and assembled this packet. The goal of this packet is to provide information to non-citizens released by U.S. immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border. You should note that some of this information may not be applicable to you. You must always consult with a reputable immigration attorney or non-governmental organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services for case specific questions.

**IMPORTANT:** U.S. immigration laws are constantly changing, so these materials may not include the most recent immigration law and policy updates.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** It is important for you to make additional copies of your immigration documents and keep those in a safe place that you can access if you lose your original documents. You should also make sure that you memorize or write down your file number, also known as A number, and keep it in a place that is easy for you to access.



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# United States

You have been released by U.S. government officials at the U.S.-Mexico border.

You have already been through a lot, but your journey is not over yet.

We are giving you this small packet as a resource to help you while you travel to your new address.

The information in this packet is <u>not</u> legal advice, and it does not have everything you need to know. It is only meant to help you get started.

There may be other resources in your destination, and online, that can better answer your questions.

### Safe travels and best wishes!



# U.S. MAP OF STATES AND MAJOR CITIES





# YOUR NEXT STEPS

People released from the border generally do not have an automatic right to stay in the United States. There is still more to do, which can include:



#### Going to all appointments and court dates

Failing to go to an appointment or court appearance could result in an order of deportation from the immigration judge. Information on how to find out the date and location of an upcoming appointment or court appearance is included in this packet.



#### Telling the government about a move or change in address

Failing to tell the government about a new address could result in an order of deportation from the immigration judge or complications in your immigration case. Information on how to inform Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the immigration court of a new address is included in this packet.



Enrolling children in school



Obeying all **U.S. laws** 

Being in a new country can be hard. But, people released at the border can take steps to keep themselves and their family safe and secure, including:



Trying to find a lawyer (web links included in this packet)



Finding **resources** for medical, legal, housing, and other help Resources may be found through telephone hotlines, websites, teachers, or trusted organizations



# **HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?**

Use the Hotlines and Apps listed below for advice and help.

ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER	SERVICES
UNHCR/ACNUR	+1-202-461-2356 (to leave a voice message) UNHCR will respond to you during work hours	<ul> <li>Information about the asylum process</li> <li>Contacts to receive legal aid</li> <li>Country of origin information</li> <li>Resources for asylum claims based on LGBTI claims</li> <li>Resources for asylum claims based on gang violence</li> <li>Information for stateless persons</li> </ul>
Church World Service	+ 1-800-375-1433 Monday-Friday 9-5pm Can leave a voice message if outside of these hours	CWS Call Center, a national hotline to connect callers with free or affordable resources in their local communities including legal, medical, other basic needs, and volunteer support.
USAHello and the app - FindHello	find.usahello.org or scan this QR code:	FindHello, a web-based and mobile application resource to connect asylum seekers to legal service providers and other community resources, including housing, healthcare, education, and employment services. It is available in English, Spanish, and Arabic.
RAICES	+1-800-437-3071 (call or text)	Canopy Hotline, a national hotline to connect migrants and asylum seekers to social services in their area and provide assistance with common challenges, such as school enrollment and local transportation.
Advocates for Human Rights	+1-612-746-4674	National Asylum Help Line, a national hotline to connect asylum seekers to free legal services in their area and to provide information about the legal process.
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborate	+1-833-HOU-IMMI (468-4664) Monday-Friday 9am-5pm MST	Immigrant Rights Hotline, a national hotline to provide up-to-date information about immigration policies and referrals to legal service providers, and to receive reports of discrimination.





# **WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL HELP**

Use the websites listed below for advice and help.

ORGANIZATION	WEBPAGE ADDRESS	SERVICES
UNHCR/ACNUR	ENGLISH: www.unhcr.org/en-us/asylum-resources.html  SPANISH: www.unhcr.org/en-us/recursos-de-asilo.html	<ul> <li>Information about the asylum process</li> <li>Contacts to receive legal aid</li> <li>Country of origin information</li> <li>Resources for LGBTI-based asylum claims</li> <li>Resources for gang violence-based asylum claims</li> <li>Information for stateless persons</li> <li>Frequently asked questions</li> </ul>
Immigration Advocates Network	www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory (many languages, including Spanish)	Directory of legal services (free or low cost)
Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net	www.immi.org (Spanish and English)	A resource to help inform immigrants and asylum seekers about their rights, stay up-to-date on changes to immigration law, understand their legal options, and connect to legal help.
Immigration Law Help	www.lmmigrationLawHelp.org	Directory to locate free and low-cost legal services in a destination city. The user can search in multiple languages to locate a legal organization by zip code. It is also available as an application called Immigo.
American Immigration Lawyers Association	www.aila.org	A database of immigration attorneys that is searchable by area of expertise (such as asylum), language, and location. The database is not limited to low-cost representation.
Executive Office for Immigration Review	www.justice.gov/eoir/self-help-materials  www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map	Self-help guides to immigration removal proceedings and a list of pro bono legal service providers by state.
The Florence Project	www.firrp.org/resources/prose (English and Spanish)	Resources to help with your asylum claim
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services	SPANISH: https://tinyurl.com/y9yyxsvt  ENGLISH: https://tinyurl.com/y9bvo633	Links to First Steps, a detailed guide for asylum seekers



# **APPLYING FOR ASYLUM**

#### What can I do if I fear going back to my country?

**Asylum** is a type of protection that allows a person to stay in the United States instead of being sent back to a country where they are afraid to go **because of persecution**.

Asylum is <u>not</u> a guarantee. People hoping to get asylum must apply and show the government that they qualify.

To apply, a person must complete and file an asylum application (Form I-589):

**Department of Homeland Security**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

OMB No. 1615-0067; Expires 09/30/2022

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

#### Where can I find Form I-589?



Online: www.uscis.gov/i-589



**Telephone:** Department of Homeland Security Forms Line 1-800-870-3676



From a lawyer or organization allowed to help immigrants

The law in the United States requires people to apply for asylum within one year of arrival in the United States.

<u>But</u>: a person may get more time if they can show extraordinary circumstances for a delay or changed circumstances that significantly affect their eligibility for asylum.

People who file late must explain the reason for the delay in filing and may be denied the chance to apply for asylum.

Learn more on the UNHCR/ACNUR website at www.unhcr.org/585ad96e4



# **APPLYING FOR ASYLUM**

A person released at the border and applying for asylum will take many steps before the U.S. government makes a decision. Every path is unique, but here is a typical route: 1. Travel to a new community Welcome! 2. Go to ICE check-in ICE will give instructions for future 3. Call the court hotline check-ins - also go to those. regularly to check future court dates 1-800-898-7180. 6. Can I apply for a work permit? Check with an immigration attorney or other 4. Look for a lawyer qualified professional to see if and when you are A lawyer can start eligible to apply for a work permit (I-765). The helping you at any time. waiting time to apply for a work permit depends on various factors in your immigration case. 5. Go to first court hearing ("Master Calendar"). On this date, submit asylum application (1-589). 7. Go to final court hearing ("Individual"). Give evidence of persecution in home country. **Granted asylum** 8. Wait for decision from the judge

Not granted asylum You have 30 days to appeal.

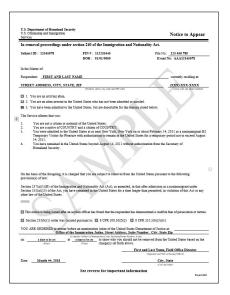


## **IMMIGRATION COURT**

People released from the border are required to appear before an immigration judge in immigration court. There are three main ways to learn when your court date is.

#### 1. Notice to Appear

The Notice to Appear (NTA) is the document that the government issues to an individual instructing them where and when to go to immigration court. The government typically issues the Notice to Appear to individuals before their release at the border. If you did not receive any paperwork at the time of or prior to your release, it is recommended that you consult with an immigration attorney or other qualified professional.



#### 2. EOIR Website

EOIR (the Executive Office for Immigration Review) is the name of the office in charge of the immigration courts. On its website, you can look up the date and location of your immigration hearing in its online Automated Case Information system.

- For English, go to https://portal.eoir.justice.gov/InfoSystem/Form?Language=EN
- For Spanish, go to https://portal.eoir.justice.gov/InfoSystem/Form?Language=ES

To find out your court date, enter your **A number**, also known as your file number. This is the number assigned to you and included on all documents from immigration including the Notice to Appear. It begins with an "A" and is followed by nine digits (example A123-456-789).

If the website does not show a hearing, verify that the box says, "this case is pending". Sometimes it takes time for the immigration court to schedule a hearing.

You should also check the box that says "information about this Court" to verify the court's address. It is important to make sure that the court location is the closest to the place where you live. If it does not show the closest Immigration court location, you should seek assistance from an immigration attorney or other qualified professional.





## IMMIGRATION COURT

#### 3. EOIR Hotline

EOIR also operates its telephonic Case Information system in English and Spanish available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Here are instructions on using the hotline:

- Dial 1-800-898-7180.
- To hear the instructions in English, dial the number 1; for Spanish, dial the number 2.
- Enter your A number. Confirm you entered it correctly, or if incorrect, re-enter it.
- The operator will spell your name starting with your last name and then your first name. Confirm your name is correct, or if incorrect, re-enter your A number. Please note that if your name is incorrect on your Notice to Appear, it will also be incorrect in the system.



- The hotline provides a menu of options. Dial the number **1** to hear your next hearing date.
- If your name is in the system but there is no hearing date, you can dial the number 3 to hear if the judge has made a decision in your case. This is important in case you missed a court hearing and the judge made a ruling in your absence.

#### Don't Forget!

- It is very important that the immigration court has your correct mailing address so that you don't miss any important communication from the court. Instructions on updating your address are included in this packet.
- When looking up information about your family's next court hearing in either the online or telephonic Case Information systems, be sure to look up every family member's A number, including children's. Each individual has their own A number, therefore you must check each one in case not everyone in the family has the same court date.
- If the online or telephonic Case Information systems do not have any information about an upcoming court hearing, check back weekly until the system is updated with your Notice to Appear, including the date and location of the next court hearing.



People released from the border do not have a guaranteed right to work. If they are applying for **asylum**, they <u>may</u> be eligible to apply for a work permit after a waiting period. The application for a work permit may or may not be granted.

#### For more detailed information, it may be useful to:

- Ask a lawyer (see list in this packet for assistance)
- Review U.S. government instructions at www.uscis.gov/i-765
- Read Chapter 15 in First Steps: www.lirs.org/first-steps/

Note: the reference to the waiting period to apply for a work permit in First Steps is out of date and does not apply to all asylum seekers. Please check with an immigration attorney or qualified legal professional.

#### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

1. File an asylum application (Form I-589)

**Department of Homeland Security**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

**2.** After the required waiting period, apply for a work permit using **Form I-765**. *I-765* instructions say what evidence must be included with the application.

#### **Application For Employment Authorization**

**Department of Homeland Security**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Form I-765 OMB No. 1615-0040 Expires 07/31/2022

Filing an I-765 before the waiting period is over could result in automatic denial.

Attending all appointments, interviews, or court hearings may help the work permit process, and can protect from denial of work permits or deportation.

Any delay by the applicant (example: missing finger printing or biometrics), will **not** be included in the waiting period. This can make the wait longer.



### **CHANGING AN ADDRESS?**

People released from the border with a Notice to Appear in immigration court are required to tell **the U.S. government if they move to a new address.** 

To do this, they submit an **EOIR-33 Change of Address form:** 

U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Alien's Change of Address/Phone Number Form Immigration Court

Each immigration court may have a different address. Check the court to find the right form:

www.justice.gov/eoir/form-eoir-33-eoir-immigration-court-listing

People who change addresses may also want or need to **change their court location** to one that is closer.

To do this, they should submit a **Motion to Change Venue**.

Detailed information and samples on how to complete and submit a Change of Address form and a Motion to Change Venue can be found here:

www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2016/01/14/have you moved.pdf

\*It is a good idea to review all of the requirements listed\*

The U.S. government says that until the government has made a decision about the Motion to Change Venue, the applicant "must appear at all scheduled hearings" in the original court.





# TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

# Be Vigilant and Ask for Help

- Has someone taken your identification or documents?
- Has someone forced you to work for them to pay a debt?
- Has someone forced you to work or have sex without your agreement?
- Has someone threatened or hurt you or your family?
- Are you younger than 18 and been paid for sex?

# People have rights in the United States, no matter what their immigration status is.

Free and completely confidential help for survivors of human trafficking can be found here:

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 BeFree Textline: text "Help" to 233733 (BeFree)

\*The text hotline operates in English, but the telephone hotline has people who speak Spanish.



#### **LEARN MORE**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Blue Campaign www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign



## **Family Separation**

The information in this document is not legal advice. The purpose of this information is to help answer commonly asked questions. While we strive to provide correct information, it is important to remember that the law and procedures change frequently and what may be included here may not be the most up-to-date information or the most relevant to the particular details of your case. We encourage you to consult with your own trusted legal representative if you have any additional questions.

#### Brief History on Family Separation

During, and even before the Trump's administration's enforcement of its so-called "Zero Tolerance" policy, the U.S. government separated minor children from their adult parents after they entered or attempted to enter the United States for purposes of prosecuting parents for unauthorized entry or reentry to the United States. Adult parents were placed in adult immigration detention following completion of criminal proceedings and children were sent to unaccompanied minor shelters across the country. In June 2018, an executive order to end this practice was signed by the former president and later a federal court enjoined the federal government's practice of family separation, but left the door open to exceptions and thus some family separations may still occur. Additionally, families that do not fit into the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)'s rigid definition of what constitutes a family remain susceptible to separations despite the order and injunction.

#### How does the federal government define a "family"?

DHS generally defines a family as a child under the age of 18 accompanied by a biological adult parent or parents or legal guardian(s). DHS generally does not separate families who fit into this definition unless certain exceptions apply. This means that adult children, siblings, and grandparents are more likely to be separated from other family members during and after border processing.

#### If I am separated from my family member, how can I find them?

Your family member's form of entry into the United States may determine where your family member might be held. If your family member presented themselves at any Port of Entry to ask for asylum, they may be detained in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or in some circumstances, they may have been expelled or deported to their home country or Mexico. If their entry into the United States was without inspection (between official Ports of Entry) and they were arrested by Border Patrol, they may be detained in a Border Patrol station, federal criminal custody, ICE custody, or in some circumstances, they may have been expelled or deported to their home country or Mexico.

Locating a family member may be possible if a person is in federal custody pending prosecution for a criminal violation or detained in ICE custody waiting to begin their immigration legal process. However, if a person is still in CBP or Border Patrol custody, or if they have been returned to their



home country or Mexico, locating them will be very difficult because the government does not have a publicly available database of people in these circumstances.

#### **ICE Online Detainee Locator**

To locate a family member that may be in ICE custody, you should access the ICE Online Detainee Locator System found at <a href="https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/index">https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/index</a>. You have **2 options** to locate a family member in ICE custody.

#### **OPTION 1: Search by A-Number**

- 1. A Number (File No.)
- 2. Country of Birth

#### **OPTIONS 2: Search by Biographical Information**

- 1. Firs Name
- 2. Last Name
- 3. Country of Birth
- 4. Date of Birth (Month, Day, and Year

Additionally, if the link does not produce a record, it is possible that your family member has not yet entered ICE's database. You may want to gather as much information as possible about where and how your family member entered the United States, then you should contact a reputable immigration attorney of non-government organization that provide U.S. immigration legal services.

You can also call the following number if you are not able to locate your family member:

ICE ERO Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRI)

• Dial 1-888-351-4024

Please note that immigration agencies detain children under 18 years of age in unaccompanied minor shelters throughout the United States; children cannot be located using the ICE Online Detainee Locator (see below for information about locating a child). The locator can be used to locate adults over the age of 18 years old only.

#### **Jailed in Federal Criminal Custody**

To locate a family member that may be jailed in federal criminal custody, you can visit the Federal Bureau of Prisons at <a href="https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/">https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/</a>. You have two options to locate your family member.

#### **OPTION 1: Find by Number**

1. BOP Register Number (this is the number used to identify people detained in the Federal Bureau of Prisons)



#### **OPTION 2: Find by Name**

- 1. First, Middle, and Last Name
- 2. Race
- 3. Age
- 4. Sex

#### **Locating a Child (under 18 years of age)**

If you have been separated from a child under 18 years of age you may be able to acquire information about their location. Note that generally, only the child's biological parent or legal guardian will be permitted to contact the child. Use the following phone numbers to begin the process of locating a child family member:

#### **Start Here First:**

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

• Dial 1-800-203-7001

You can also locate more information about ORR at <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/outreach-material/office-refugee-resettlement-national-call-center">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/outreach-material/office-refugee-resettlement-national-call-center</a>.

#### **Unaccompanied Children**

When children are apprehended without their parent or legal guardian, they are considered unaccompanied minors. "Unaccompanied minors" who are under the age of 18 must be placed in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the Department Health and Human Services (HHS). Similar to adults, unaccompanied minors are placed in removal proceedings. They will be scheduled for future immigration court hearings that they are required to attend.

#### How Can I Sponsor my Family Member?

It is possible for a child to be released from ORR to live with sponsors. Sponsors may be family members or trusted adult friends who are willing to submit to ORR's vetting process. If you decide to become a sponsor, you must go through a sponsorship process and must be approved by the U.S. government. Becoming a sponsor means you agree to take care of the unaccompanied minor and ensure they have all their basic needs, attend school and their immigration hearings, etc. In order to become a sponsor, you first must locate the minor through the different paths previously mentioned. After locating the minor, you can find the ORR Family Reunification Packet for Sponsors at <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/policy-guidance/unaccompanied-children-program">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/policy-guidance/unaccompanied-children-program</a>.

#### Mental Health Resources and Support for Reunified Families

Family separation is a traumatic experience for both parents and minors. Mental health assessments and treatment exist and are available if you feel you need to speak to a mental health professional. Parents or sponsors can contact a social worker at the minor's school for assistance with counseling, financial needs, or referrals to organizations.



Organizations such as SENECA: Todo Por Mi Familia, connects families who were forcibly separated at the U.S. border with **free**, confidential mental health services by local community-based organizations that provide culturally sensitive mental health services in the preferred language of the individual. All information is kept confidential. You can connect with SENECA by calling their hotline number at **844-529-3327** or visit <a href="https://senecafoa.org/todopormifamilia/">https://senecafoa.org/todopormifamilia/</a> to obtain more information about their services.

#### **Another Option:**

ICE ERO Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRI) - You can also dial the following number to report separation of minor child or other dependent:

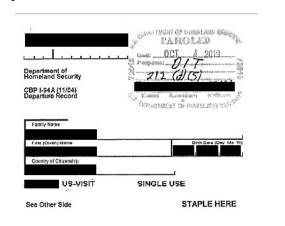
• Dial 1-888-351-4024

IMPORTANT: please contact a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services to obtain a full legal assessment on your case as each person's case is unique and should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



### **Humanitarian Parole (Form I-94)**

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#### What is a Form I-94?

A form I-94 is a document given to some non-citizens arriving in (or leaving) the United States. Usually, this form is also provided to people when they received something called "humanitarian parole". This document allows a person to lawfully enter the country for a specific reason and period of time. This document is evidence of your legal entry to the United States. Immigration issues this document electronically (see right picture above) or as a physical document (see left picture above). It is important to print this document if you receive an electronic record. It is important for you to keep these documents safe as they are extremely important for your immigration process in the United States. You may also wish to save an electronic copy, keep a photo or scanned copy of your I-94 to have it as a backup copy.

Please note that forms I-94 are not provided to everyone. U.S. immigration determines who receives a form I-94 when you are processed. Some people may receive different immigration paperwork, which may not include a form I-94, when they are released by immigration.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- 1. This document does not allow you to leave and re-enter the United States. If you leave the United States, you will not be able to re-enter the United States using this document.
- 2. This document does NOT give you legal status in the United States. It only allows you to enter and remain in the United States during the period of time stated in the form I-94.



- 3. This document is usually valid for about 1 year. There may be circumstances where the validity may be longer. The validity period is determined by U.S. immigration law and policy.
- 4. As mentioned above, this document allows you to remain in the United States for the period of time included on the form I-94. However, if you are place in deportation proceedings with an immigration judge, you can remain in the United States until a judge makes a final decision on your case.
- 5. We recommend you consult with a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services if you have specific questions about your situation.

#### Can I get a work permit with an I-94?

The answer to this question is the most common answer from an attorney which is, "it depends". Your "class of admission" is going to determine if you may be able to apply for a work permit.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** the validity of your work permit may be limited to the period of time stated in your form I-94 (see your form I-94 to confirm the period of validity). For information on your specific status and ability to obtain a work permit, **please consult a reputable immigration attorney or non-governmental organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services.** 

#### What if I lose my I-94?

Most of the forms I-94 issued now are electronic. However, you may still be issued a physical form I-94. Please keep the document safe and make additional copies if possible. It is also recommended that you keep an electronic copy for your records. Below we outline the process you need to follow if you lose your form I-94.

#### **Electronic Form I-94**

If you receive an electronic I-94, you can go to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website to find and reprint your document.

STEP 1: visit the website https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home.

STEP 2: Click on Get Most Recent I-94

**STEP 3:** You will get a "Terms of Service" pop-up window. Read and then select, "I Acknowledge and Agree" if you agree with the terms of service.

**STEP 4:** enter your information

- 1. First (Given) Name:
- 2. Last (Family) Name/Surname:
- 3. Birth Date:
  - a. Dav
  - b. Month
  - c. Year



#### 4. Document Number:

- a. This can be either your passport number or A Number.
- b. Enter A number if you did not use a passport to enter the United States.
- c. Enter the passport number if you entered with a passport. However, if the passport number does not work, enter your A number, which is included in the paperwork your received from immigration. See other materials in this packet for guidance on how to locate your A number.

STEP 5: click Next to get your form I-94. See section below if your form I-94 does not come up.

#### **Physical Form I-94**

It is difficult to replace a physical I-94. If you misplaced yours, you may be able to obtain a copy of it from immigration if you file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of your records. Immigration has different agencies, and the process may be different for each one of those agencies. It is recommended to find assistance from a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services.

#### What if I am unable to find my I-94 online?

After you enter your basic information online, confirm that the information is correct. If your form I-94 is not generating, we recommend that you review the immigration paperwork you received from immigration to make sure your name was spelled correctly. If you notice that your immigration documents contain biographical information that is spelled incorrectly, you have the incorrect date of birth, or incorrect country of origin you should try inputting the incorrect information on the website. Errors do occur frequently and therefore, your form I-94 won't generate with the correct information if there is a mistake on your immigration paperwork. We recommend that you try different spelling variations of your name and variations of your date of birth. For example, if you have two last names try including only one, include or exclude a hyphen, and try different spellings of your last name, if your last name is a common last name that may have different spellings. If possible, you can input the day you were born first before your month of birth.

If after various attempts you are unable to obtain your form I-94 electronically, you have two options to try to get a copy. Your **first option** is to consult with a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services to see if there is a way to communicate with immigration to get a copy of your form I-94. The **second option** is to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain a copy of your immigration documents, which may include your I-94. Immigration has different agencies, and the process may be different for each one of those agencies. It is recommended to find assistance from a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services.

IMPORTANT: please contact a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services to obtain a full legal assessment on your case as each person's case is unique and should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

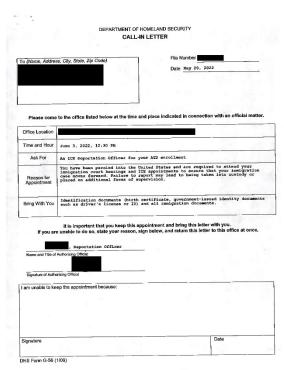


### Release on Recognizance

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	Date: July 9, 2019
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Form I-220-A Order of Release on Recognizance



Form G-56 Call-In Letter

#### What is an Order of Release on Recognizance?

An "Order of Release on Recognizance" is a document provided to non-citizens by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when ICE officials decide to release someone from custody instead of holding them in immigration detention. This document is an agreement between you and ICE that provides the requirements you must abide by when you are released from custody. By signing, you agree to the conditions of the order as an alternative to detention. This document details all the conditions of the release, for example, not committing any crimes in the United States and reporting to any appointments or check ins scheduled with ICE and the Immigration Court. The examples mentioned are just some of the rules, it is important to understand all rules included in your order of release on recognizance. All the rules listed must be followed. If you do not follow these rules, ICE officials may decide to take you back into custody and send you to an immigration detention center. If you are sent to an immigration detention center, you may have to continue your immigration case while detained.



#### Structure of the Order of Release on Recognizance

At the top of the order, you will find a section that says "File No." The 9-digit number included in this section is your file number, also known as A number. At the beginning of the document, you will find your full name and date the document was issued or signed. You can find the conditions of release where the checked boxed are located. The location of your ICE check-in office will appear below the checked boxes. The date and time of the ICE check-in will appear near the address where you must appear for your ICE check-in. Towards the end of the document, you will find your photo, fingerprint, and your signature.

#### **GPS** Monitoring

Non-citizens are often released from ICE custody with an ankle monitor. It is important to keep your ankle monitor charged, as it may sound an alarm if it runs out of battery. You MUST NOT attempt to remove your ankle monitor as it will violate the order of release on recognizance and may result in negative consequences. If you are having issues with your ankle monitor (too tight, defective, battery issues, broken charger, etc.), it is very important that you communicate this information at your check-in appointments or by calling the number provided on the documents of release. Please note that only ICE can decide when they will remove your ankle monitor. ICE sometimes asks people to turn over a passport in exchange for removing the ankle monitor. If you have questions about whether you should provide your passport to ICE or questions about a request to have the ankle monitor removed, you should consult a reputable immigration attorney or a non-governmental organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services.

#### Cell Phone Monitoring

Sometimes ICE provides non-citizens with cell phones to monitor them via an application called SmartLink. ICE has been using these cell phones instead of ankle monitors. If you received a cell phone from ICE, you must follow the instructions provided to check in. A violation of the instructions to check in may have negative consequences for you.

#### ICE Check-in

One of the most important things to note is the date, time, and location of your ICE check-in. The release on recognizance document you were provided will have this information. You can see the photo above to see an example of this form. It is extremely important that you do not miss your ICE check-in, as this may result in detention and/or other negative consequences for your case. ICE check-ins are different from court hearings. You do not need to have an attorney present with you at your ICE check-in. However, it is always recommended to have an attorney present when you have interactions with ICE. The purpose of the check-in is usually to ensure that you are abiding by the requirements of your release. However, ICE officer may also ask you additional questions during your check in. If you attend an ICE check in by yourself and ICE starts asking you detailed questions about the merits of your case, you have the right to remain silent and request



to have an attorney present during the questioning. It is important to note that ICE check in appointments are different than immigration court hearings.

#### What and who should I bring to my ICE check-in?

It is not required to bring your attorney. However, it is recommended that you bring your attorney because ICE officers may ask questions about the merits of your immigration case. It is important to consult with your legal representative when you have an ICE check in. Additionally, because you are going to an ICE office, it is very important that you do not bring any family members or friends who may not have legal status or have their own immigration cases pending. You should bring your release on recognizance form (see picture above for reference), other immigration documents your received from immigration, and a form of identification (if you have one). If you do not have a form of identification, you must make sure you have all the immigration documents you received when you were released. You should tell security at the building where you must present for your check in that you have an appointment with ICE. You should be allowed to enter the building for your ICE check in appointment.

#### What if I can't attend my ICE check in appointment?

If you cannot attend your ICE check in appointment, you **MUST** communicate with ICE to reschedule your check in appointment. You must be ready to provide the reason why you are not able to attend your appointment. If you have legal representation, you should communicate with your legal representative so she/he can help you reschedule your ICE check in appointment. Missing your ICE check-in appointment can be consider a violation of your release and may have negative consequence in your case.

#### Will I be scheduled for future ICE check in appointments?

It is likely that you may be scheduled for future ICE check-in appointments and/or ankle monitoring appointments every time you present with ICE or the agency managing your ankle monitor. ICE may also give you instructions on how to schedule a check in appointment online. If you receive instructions from ICE, you must follow those instructions. It may be helpful for you to bring paper and a pen to your appointment in case you need to take notes of any instructions. You must continue to attend all your ICE check in appointments and follow the instructions from ICE. Additionally, let your legal representative know of any future appointments you may have.

IMPORTANT: please contact a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services to obtain a full legal assessment on your case as each person's case is unique and should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



### **Notice to Report to Immigration (ICE)**

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If you were released from immigration custody along the U.S.-Mexico border and instructed to report to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office but were not provided a date and time to present, you may be able to schedule an appointment online through the ICE Appointment Scheduler. You should only schedule an appointment if you were instructed to present to an ICE office, were not provided a date and time to present, and received a form like the one in the photo below.



**Form I-385** 

If you were issued a Form I-385, follow the instructions below to schedule an appointment with ICE. Please note that you will be referred to a website that may be updated often, so you should follow the instructions on that website to schedule your appointment with ICE. Below, we are outlining the process as of the date this handout was created.

#### Schedule ICE Check In Appointment

STEP 1: visit https://www.ice.gov/check-in to schedule an appointment with ICE.

**STEP 2:** click "Form I-385 | ICE Appointment Schedular Overview"

**STEP 3:** select English, Spanish Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French.

• These are the languages available when this handout was created, other languages may be added later.



#### **STEP 4:** Identity Confirmation

- Enter the "Subject Number". The top blue arrow on the picture above shows you how to find the "Subject Number".
- Select your birthplace from list: the second blue arrow on the picture above shows you what immigration entered in their system.

STEP 5: click the checkbox to complete the CAPTCHA and then click Submit.

**STEP 6:** enter the complete address where you are located and click **Search**.

**STEP 7:** select the nearest ICE office to your location and click **Continue.** 

#### STEP 8: Review the Selected Location and Appointment Information.

- The appointment information includes the number of people in your family unit expected to appear for your appointment.
- **Note:** the number reflected next to the number of individuals expected to report for the appointment does not include the attorney or other people that need to accompany you for support.

**STEP 9:** choose the preferred date and time of your appointment by clicking on an available timeslot under your preferred date.

- You can use the forward and back arrows on the top left corner of the calendar, or the dropdown menu to skip to a different week.
- Once you choose an available date and time, click **Schedule.**

STEP 10: review the date and time you chose, and then click Confirm.

STEP 11: Review your appointment confirmation details. You can choose to print, email or text your details. It is recommended to also take a photo or screenshot of these details.

STEP 12: you will see a list of require documents you need to bring to your appointment. Write down those details, print, screenshot, or take a photo of the details. Make sure you take those documents to your appointment.

STEP 13: once you have finished reviewing and saving all the details, click End Session.

#### Retrieve Appointment Confirmation Details Again

STEP 1: visit <a href="https://www.ice.gov/check-in">https://www.ice.gov/check-in</a> to retrieve your appointment details again.

**STEP 2:** click "Form I-385 | ICE Appointment Schedular Overview"

**STEP 3:** select English, Spanish Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French.

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STEP 5: click the checkbox to complete the CAPTCHA and then click Submit.

STEP 6: You will receive a pop up stating that an existing appointment has been found. Click View Appointment Confirmation Page to retrieve appointment details.

#### Reschedule your Appointment

**STEP 1:** visit <a href="https://www.ice.gov/check-in">https://www.ice.gov/check-in</a> to reschedule your appointment with ICE.

**STEP 2:** click "Form I-385 | ICE Appointment Schedular Overview"

**STEP 3:** select English, Spanish Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French.

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- Select your birthplace from list: the second blue arrow on the picture above shows you what immigration entered in the system.

STEP 5: click the checkbox to complete the CAPTCHA and then click Submit.

**STEP 6:** You will receive a message window stating that an existing appointment has been found. Click **Reschedule Your Appointment.** 

STEP 7: enter the complete address where you are located and click Search.

**STEP 8:** select the nearest ICE office to your location and click **Continue**.

#### STEP 9: Review the Selected Location and Appointment Information.

- The appointment information includes the number of people in your family unit expected to appear for your appointment.
- **Note:** the number reflected next to the number of individuals expected to report for the appointment does not include the attorney or other people that need to accompany you for support.

**STEP 10:** choose the preferred date and time of your appointment by clicking on an available timeslot under your preferred date.

- You can use the forward and back arrows on the top left corner of the calendar, or the dropdown menu to skip to a different week.
- Once you choose an available date and time, click **Schedule.**



STEP 11: review the date and time you chose, and then click Confirm.

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STEP 13: your will see a list of require documents you need to bring to your appointment. Write down those details, print, screenshot, or take a photo of the details. Make sure you take those documents to your appointment.

STEP 14: once you have finished reviewing and saving all the details, click End Session.

#### Cancel your appointment

STEP 1: visit <a href="https://www.ice.gov/check-in">https://www.ice.gov/check-in</a> to cancel your appointment with ICE.

**STEP 2:** click "Form I-385 | ICE Appointment Schedular Overview"

**STEP 3:** select English, Spanish Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French.

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- Select your birthplace from list: the second blue arrow on the picture above shows you what immigration entered in the system.

STEP 5: click the checkbox to complete the CAPTCHA and then click Submit.

STEP 6: You will receive a pop up stating that an existing appointment has been found. Click Cancel Appointment.

STEP 7: You will receive another pop up asking you to confirm the cancellation. Click Ok. Your appointment will be cancelled.

**STEP 8:** schedule another appointment as soon as possible. **See section above** for instructions on how to schedule an appointment.

IMPORTANT: please contact a reputable immigration attorney or non-government organization that provides U.S. immigration legal services to obtain a full legal assessment on your case as each person's case is unique and should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### WHERE WILL I HAVE MY HEARING WITH THE IMMIGRATION COURT?

To find out the place and date of your hearing with the immigration court you can go to the website or call the automated system of the immigration court. Below you can find instructions on how to use the two automated systems. These automated systems are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### HOW TO VERIFY MY HEARING WITH THE IMMIGRATION COURT ONLINE?

- 1. Enter this link on your web browser: <a href="https://portal.eoir.justice.gov/">https://portal.eoir.justice.gov/</a>
- 2. Click "agree" to accept the conditions.



3. Click "automated case information" located under "Public Tools" in the right side of the page



4. Click "En Español" if needed.



#### 5. Enter your A number/file number



- **6.** The website Will then show you your next Immigration Court hearing.
  - If the website does not show a hearing, verify that the box says, "this case is pending". Sometimes it takes time for the Immigration Court to schedule a hearing.
  - You should also check the box that says "information about this Court" to verify the court's address. It is important to make sure that the court location is the closest to the place where you live. If it does not show the closest Immigration court location, you should seek assistance from an immigration attorney or a Department of Justice Accredited Representative.
  - The website sometimes has issues and may take you to a blank page. If this happens, keep trying until you get the information about your case.

To find out the date and place of your hearing with the immigration court, you can call the automated phone call service for immigration courts. The automated phone system is available 24 hours a day, 7days a week.



#### Dial 1-800-898-7180

To hear the instructions in  $\underline{Spanish}$  dial the number 2.

The automated system will ask you to enter your Alien number, also known as your A number. **Your alien number** is found on your *Notice to Appear* and begins with the letter "A" followed by a series of 9 digits. For example, A123-456-789.

U.S. Department of Homeland Se U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	curity	Notice to Appear	
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<ul> <li>1. You are an arriving alien.</li> </ul>			
2. You are an alien present in	the United States who has not been admitted or par	roled.	
3. You have been admitted to	the United States, but are deportable for the reason	is stated below.	
The Service alleges that you:			
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Enter your Alien number, and then dial the number "1" and listen as the system will begin to spell your last name and first name. Please be advised that if your name or last name is incorrect on your Notice to Appear, your last name and first name will also be incorrect in the system. If your name appears like it does on your Notice to Appear, then dial 1. Afterwards, the automated system will give you various options.

Dial the number 1 to listen for the date, hour, and directions to the hearing with the immigration judge.

\*\*\*If your hearing is not located in the court nearest to you, **immediately consult** an immigration attorney or immigration court. \*\*\*

Dial the number  $\bf 3$  to listen if the judge has ruled a decision on your case.

\*\*\* This option is recommended if your name appears on the automated phone system, but there is no scheduled hearing with an immigration judge. \*\*\*

\*\*\*If the automated system says "the Alien number does not concur with the numbers in our system," this means the Department of Homeland Security has not entered your Notice to Appear with immigration court. \*\*\*

\*\*\*CALL THIS NUMBER WEEKLY IF THE SYSTEM DOES NOT MENTION A
HEARING AT IMMIGRATION COURT AND THE JUDGE HAS NOT MADE A
DECISION ON YOUR CASE\*\*\*



#### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO'S SELF-HELP GUIDE: CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS WITH IMMIGRATION COURT AND THE OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL FOR DHS (ALSO KNOWN AS OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR)

Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFSSD) has prepared this guide to assist individuals in preparing and submitting their own Change of Address forms. This information is not a substitute for legal advice.

#### What should I do if I change my address after I entered the United States?

If you change your address after entering the United States, you must submit a new form to inform the immigration court (form EOIR-33/IC). You must change your address within **FIVE** days of moving. You must file this form directly with the immigration court, mail a copy to Office of Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (interchangeably known as Office of the Principal Legal Advisor) and keep a copy for yourself.

#### **Important Notes:**

- You must fill out a form for each family member that you are traveling with.
- DHS and the immigration court are two separate agencies. You must send a copy of what you file with the immigration court to DHS as well.
- If you are moving to another state far away from where your immigration hearings have started, please consult an attorney who can advise you as you may need permission from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to move.
- Depending on how far you are moving, you may also need to file a written request to change your court hearings to the closest immigration court to the new address.

On the next page, you will find a self-help guide for completing the change of address form.



- You must change your address with the Immigration Court within FIVE days of a move to a new address.
- Additionally, you must send a copy of the Change of Address Form to Office of Chief Counsel for DHS.



•Your new address must be the address where you actually reside. Providing a false address, is not only unethical, but it may have negative consequences on your immigration case.



• If you do not notify the Immigration Court and the Office of Chief Counsel for DHS of your new address as soon as possible you can miss important notices and documents that may be mailed to you.



#### Self-help Guide for Completing the Change of Address Form

#### Before you begin, have three things ready:

- 1. Your A number (File Number)
  - i. See picture below to find your A number
- 2. Your new address
- 3. Your old address

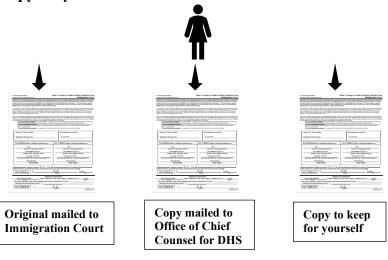
If you do not know how to find your A number, please see the following before moving forward:



Once you have located your A number, your new address, and your old address then you are ready to fill out your Change of Address form. Let's begin!

Below is a sample Change of Address form with instructions on how to complete it.

REMEMBER: fill out ONE form and make TWO copies of each form for EVERY person in your family who has an immigration court hearing. You need to mail the original form to the Immigration Court that is hearing your case, mail one copy to DHS Office of Chief Counsel for and keep one copy for yourself.



Remember to complete the process **FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY** 



#### U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

#### Alien's Change of Address/Phone Number Form Immigration Court

Instructions: To complete this form, fill out all blanks below, including the proof of service, which certifies that you have provided a copy of this form to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). After filling in the blanks and signing both the declaration and proof of service, you must submit the form in person or by mail. If submitting the form by mail, follow the mailing instructions on page two. You must submit a separate copy of this form for each individual in immigration court proceedings (i.e., you must submit a form for each person who has a case pending in immigration court and whom the change of address or phone number affects).

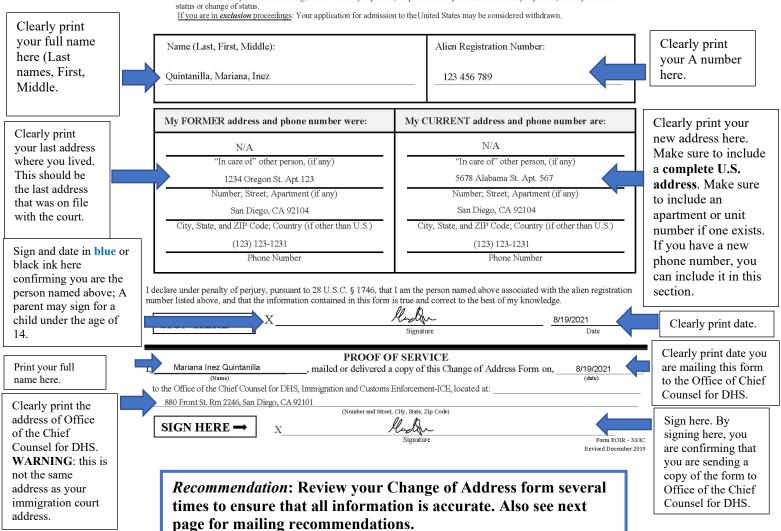
You must file this form with the immigration court within five working days of the change to your address or phone number, or your receipt of a charging document (e.g., a Notice to Appear) with incorrect contact information. The immigration court will send all official correspondence (e.g., date, time, and place of hearings) to the address you provide. The immigration court will onlymake any change(s) to your address and phone number in EOIR's records upon receipt of this form; the immigration court will not change your address or phone number based on a different address or phone number on pleadings, motions, or other communications with the court.

If you fail to appear at any hearing before an immigration judge when notice of that hearing or other official correspondence was served on you or sent to the address you provided, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may take you into custody. In addition, the immigration court may conduct your hearing in your absence and enter an order of removal, deportation, or exclusion against you. If the court enters such an order, you may be ineligible for certain forms of relief from removal under the Immigration and Nationality. Act as follows:

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If you are in removal proceedings: You will be subject to an order of removal for a period of ten years after the date of entry of the final order. You may also become ineligible for voluntary departure, cancellation of removal, and adjustment of status or change of status.

If you are in deportation proceedings: You will be subject to an order of deportation for a period of five years after the date of the entry of the final order. You may also become ineligible for voluntary departure, suspension of deportation or voluntary departure, and adjustment of status or change of feature.

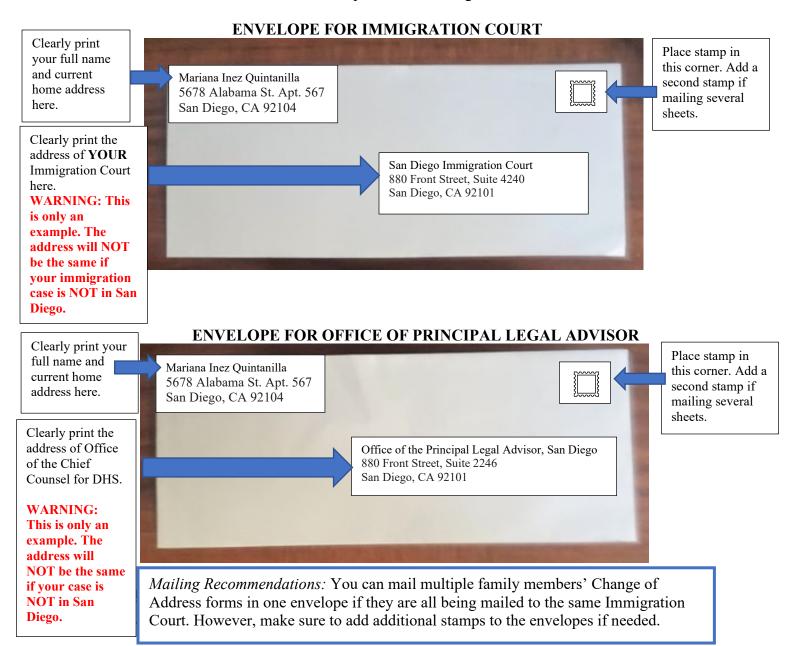


#### **Recommendations for Mailing Completed Change of Address Form**

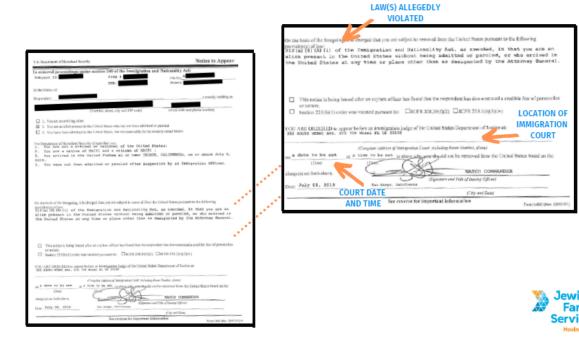
After reviewing your Change of Address Form, you will need to do the following:



- 1. Make sure you have a copy of the Change of Address Form for your own records. If you are unable to make a second copy of the form, you can take a picture of the form with your phone to keep it for your records.
- 2. Mail the completed original to the Immigration Court where you have pending court hearings.
- 3. Mail one copy to DHS Office of Chief Counsel.
- 4. Review the form and both envelopes before mailing out.







**REMINDER:** The location of your immigration court can change. It is highly important that you look through all your immigration documents and check your immigration court case online or via phone. Attached you can find instructions on how to check your immigration court case online or via phone. You want to ensure you verify this information in order to mail the Change of Address Forms to the correct Immigration Court and Office of Chief Counsel for DHS.

<u>List of Addresses for Immigration Courts and DHS Office of Chief Counsel for</u> (also known as Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)

To locate your Immigration Court's address, visit the following link:

- https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing
- You can also see the attached instructions on how to check your immigration court case online or via phone

To locate the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor—the ICE office associated with your Immigration Court—visit the following link:

- https://www.ice.gov/contact/field-offices?office=12
- Make sure you find the corresponding office to the immigration court where you
  case is located. Remember that the DHS Office of Chief Counsel is the same as the
  Office of the Principal Legal Advisor. Those two names are used interchangeably.

## **Change of Address/Contact Information Form Immigration Court**

A-Number:

**Executive Office for Immigration Review** 

Name – Last, First, Middle, Suffix (if applicable):

Instructions: To complete this form, fill out all blanks below, including proof of service, which certifies that you will provide a copy of this form to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). After filling in the blanks and signing both the declaration and proof of service, you must submit the form electronically, in person, or by mail. If submitting electronically, file in Respondent Portal at <a href="https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov">https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov</a>. Attorneys and fully accredited representatives submitting this form electronically must file in Case Portal at <a href="https://portal.eoir.justice.gov">https://portal.eoir.justice.gov</a>. If submitting by mail, follow the mailing instructions on Page 2. You must submit a separate copy of this form for each individual who has a case pending in immigration court and whom the change of information affects.

You must file this form with the immigration court within five working days of the change to your contact information, or your receipt of a charging document (e.g., a Notice to Appear) with incorrect contact information. The immigration court will send all official correspondence (e.g., notices, decisions) to the address you provide. The immigration court will only make any change(s) to your contact information in EOIR's records upon receipt of this form; the immigration court will not change your contact information based on different information on pleadings, motions, or other communications with the court.

If you fail to appear at any hearing before an immigration judge when notice of that hearing or other official correspondence was served on you or sent to the address you provided, DHS may take you into custody. In addition, the immigration court may conduct your hearing in your absence and enter an order of removal, deportation, or exclusion against you. If the court enters such an order, you may be ineligible for certain forms of relief from removal under the Immigration and Nationality Act as follows:

- If you are in *removal* proceedings: You will be subject to an order of removal for a period of ten years after the date of entry of the final order. You may also become ineligible for voluntary departure, cancellation of removal, and adjustment of status or change of status.
- If you are in *deportation* proceedings: You will be subject to an order of deportation for a period of five years after the date of the entry of the final order. You may also become ineligible for voluntary departure, suspension of deportation or voluntary departure, and adjustment of status or change of status.
- If you are in exclusion proceedings: Your application for admission to the United States may be considered withdrawn.

My CURRENT address and phone number are:  "in care of" other person (if any)  Number; Street; Apartment (if any)  City, State, and ZIP code; Country (if other than U.S.)  Phone Number (include country code if other than U.S.)  Email Address  e person named above associated with the A-Number		
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Email Address		
e person named above associated with the A-Number		
Date		
PROOF OF SERVICE  I,, provided a copy of this Change of Address Form on, to the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor for DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement-ICE at:		
de Number and Street, City, State, ZIP Code))  c Office of the Principal Legal Advisor for DHS  d. I understand that I can provide DHS with a copy either registration.ice.gov), or by mail or personal delivery.  CAS Case Portal.  Signature		
Voo		

## Did you move or change your phone number?

# Complete a Form EOIR-33 so you do not miss notices from the immigration court

You can complete the form on your smartphone (iPhone or Android device)

- 1. Open your phone's camera.
- 2. Aim the camera at the box to the right.
  - 3. Tap the link that appears.
- 4. Follow the instructions to complete the form.



or visit https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/





### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO'S SELF-HELP GUIDE: CHANGING VENUE WITH THE IMMIGRATION COURT *PRO SE*



Jewish Family Service of San Diego has prepared this guide to assist individuals in preparing and submitting their own "Motion to Change of Venue." This information is not a substitute for legal advice. You should always seek legal counsel where possible, especially if you have a complex situation or have additional questions.

#### What should I do if I need to change courts?

If you move to an area that is no longer within the jurisdiction of the immigration court that is hearing your case, you may need to request to move your case to another court. To do that you must make a "Motion to Change Venue" in writing in the English language, and file it with the immigration court where your case is currently located.

#### The motion should contain the following information:

- ➤ The date and time of your next scheduled hearing you can find this by looking at your next court notice that your received from the court or by checking the status of your case online. Please see the how to check my immigration court case document.
- > Include your new address and telephone number.
- > Explain in the English language, in much detail as possible, why you want to change courts.
  - o For example, some people are granted parole or bond after being detained, some people may need to move because their sponsor is in a different location, and others may have another reason to move to a different location. There are also situations where people are scheduled for an ICE check in, in a different state.
  - Please note that if you decide to move and you are scheduled for an ICE check in, you must seek permission from ICE before you move. You can do that by contacting your Deportation Officer. That process is separate from this request to move your court hearings.
- Include documents and evidence to prove that you have moved. For example, you can attach an additional copy of the change of address form to this packet.
- ➤ Complete the Change of Address Form (Form EOIR-33/IC). See the Change of Address document for the steps to complete the change of address.
- **REMINDER:** A motion and Change of Address Form should be completed for <u>each</u> <u>person</u> in your family.

#### **Important Reminders and Warnings About Changing Venue**





•If your next hearing date is in less than 15 days from the date of when you are filing the motion, a decision most likely will not be issued before your court hearing. You should call the court to confirm the hearing is moving forward, and you should be prepare to travel to attend the hearing.



- If the change of venue is not granted before the scheduled hearing, you MUST attend the hearing.
- •If you do NOT attend your hearing, the immigration judge may issue a deportation order in your absence.



- •You must monitor your case status online or via phone to make sure the motion is granted. You can always call the immigration court to get an update on the motion. The phone number for the court is located in your online case status page.
- •In the event that the motion is NOT granted before the date of the hearing, you must travel back to appear at your hearing.

UNTIL YOUR MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE IS DECIDED YOU MUST APPEAR AT ALL SCHEDULED HEARINGS.

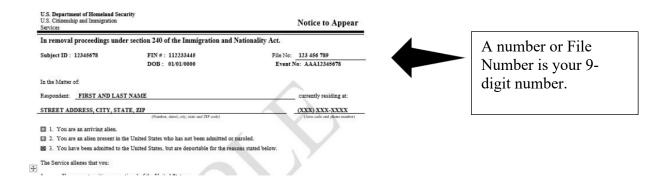
#### Self-help Guide for Completing a Pro Se Motion to Change Venue

#### Before you begin, have the following ready:

- 1. Your A number (File Number)
- 2. Your current address
- 3. Address of Immigration Court
- 4. Name of Immigration Judge
- 5. Hearing date
- 6. Release paperwork or form I-94

If you do not know how to find your A number, please see the picture in the next page before moving forward:



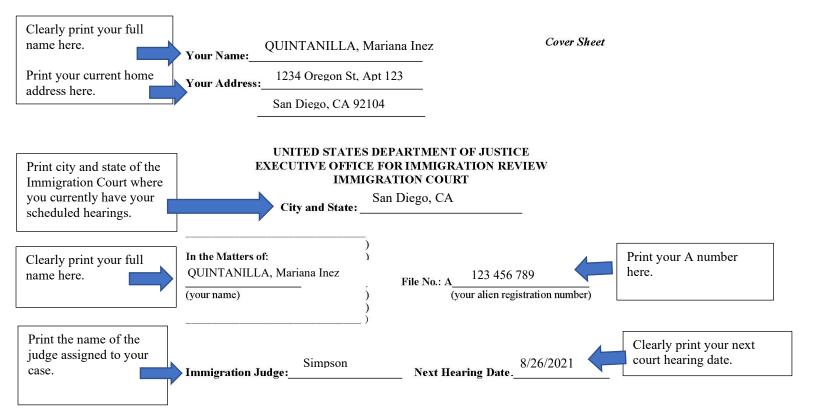


If you do not know the name of the Immigration Judge, your hearing date, or the location of the Immigration court, <u>please see the *How to Check My Immigration Court Case* document</u>. For quick reference you can find the immigration court's phone hotline below.

- You can obtain this information by calling the Automated Case Information Hotline at 1-800-898-7180.
- You will need to know your A number in order to access the information you are requesting through the automated hotline.
- Once you have all your information you can proceed to filling out the motion to change venue.

In the next page, you will find a step-by-step example of how to complete a Motion to Change Venue. Please have items 1-6 ready before filling out the motion. Let's begin.





## MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE



#### Sample Motion to Change Venue

	To the second of
Clearly print your full name here.	RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE
Print city and state where case is currently located.  Print city and state where you want your case moved.	QUINTANILLA, Mariana Inez (Name), and moves this  Honorable Court to change the venue of his removal proceedings  from: San Diego, CA (city and state where case currently is)  to: Arlington, VA (city and state where you want your case moved).  I seek this change of venue pursuant to 8 CFR § 1003.20.
moved.	In support of this motion, I state as follows:
In this section, clearly print case specific reasons for requesting a change of venue. For example, sponsor has relocated to the state where you wish to move your case.  REMINDER: Explain your situation in as much detail as possible.	
	Respectfully submitted,
Clearly sign your name here using a blue or black pen. Make sure you sign the document as you usually sing. If you just type your name with a computer, the court may reject your motion.	QUINTANILLA, Mariana Inez  Name  Dated:  Clearly print the date.



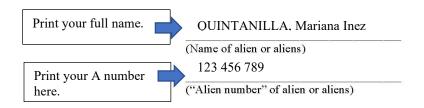
#### Sample Order

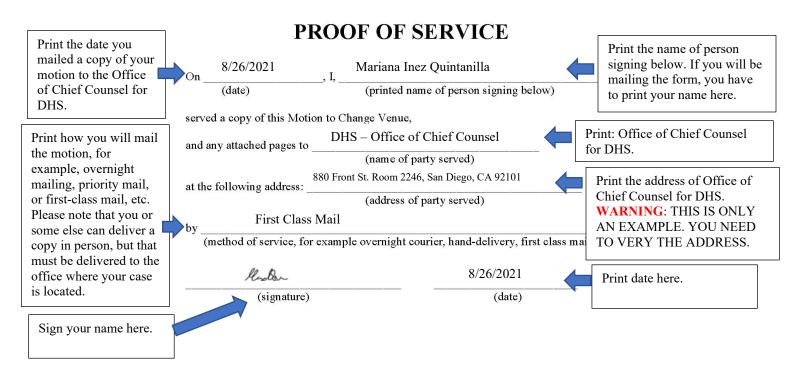
United States Department of Justice			
Print city and state of the Immigration Countries Countr			
Immigration Court where you have your scheduled	San Diego, CA  [the court's location (city of		
hearings.	QUINTANILLA, In the Matter of: Mariana Inez	Alien Number: 123 456 789	Print your A number here.
Print your full name.	[the respondent's name]	[the respondent's alien number]	

#### ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION.  The Immigration Judge and court staff will complete this section.	Upon consideration of the respondent's Motion to Change Venue, it is HEREBY ORDERED that the motion be   GRANTED   DENIED because:    DHS does not oppose the motion.   The respondent does not oppose the motion.   A response to the motion has not been filed with the court.   Good cause has been established for the motion.   The court agrees with the reasons stated in the opposition to the motion.   The motion is untimely per   Other:    Deadlines:   The application(s) for relief must be filed by   The respondent must comply with DHS biometrics instructions by
	Certificate of Service  This document was served by: [] Mail [] Personal Service  To: [] Alien [] Alien c/o Custodial Officer [] Alien's Atty/Rep [] DHS  Date: By: Court Staff







#### Assembly Recommendations for Motion to Change Venue

Once you are finished filling out your motion (one per individual) it is time to assemble the packet.

- 1. Place the completed motion first.
- 2. Place one additional copy of a completed Change of Address Form after the motion.
- 3. Place one copy of release paperwork or form I-94 last.
- 4. Keep one copy of the entire packet for your records.

**REMINDER:** Mail completed packet to the Immigration Court and mail a copy of the completed packet to the Office of Chief Counsel for DHS. Please remember to also make an additional copy for you to keep.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Please note that you must separately file the Change of Address Form. Including it in the motion only serves as evidence that you moved\*\*\*

Your Name:	
Your Address:	
UNITED S EXECUTIVE	TATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW IMMIGRATION COURT State:
In the Matters of:	) ) )
(your name)	) File No.: A
Immigration Judge	Next Hearing Date:

## **PRO SE** MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE

#### RESPONDENT'S PRO SE MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE

Now comes pro se Respon	dent, (Name), and moves
this Honorable Court to change th	dent, (Name), and moves e venue of his removal proceedings
from:	(city and state where case currently is)
to:	(city and state where you want your case moved).
I seek this change of venue pursua	nt to 8 CFR § 1003.20.
In support of this motion, I state a	s follows:
Respectfully submitted,	
	Date:
Pro Se Respondent's Signature	

#### United States Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review Immigration Court

	[the court's location (c	ity or town) and state]
In the Matter of:		Alien Number: [the respondent's alien number
	[the respondent's name]	[the respondent's alien number
	ORDER OF THE IMM	MIGRATION JUDGE
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(Name of alien or aliens)	
("Alien number" of alien or aliens)	

#### **PRO SE PROOF OF SERVICE**

On	, I,	
(date)	(pri	inted name of person signing below)
served a copy of this Pro	se Motion to Cha	ange Venue, and any attached pages to
		at the following address:
		by
(method of service, for	example overni	ght courier, hand-delivery, first class mail)
(signature)		(date)



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U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review

**Immigration Court Online Resource** 

# Do you need help with your immigration case?

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Explore options, like asylum and protection

Find resources, forms, and contact information

Information provided on the Immigration Court Online Resource (ICOR) is not a substitute for legal advice.

EOIR understands that the immigration system can be overwhelming and confusing. ICOR can help you find important resources and contact information for the immigration court and local representatives.

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