



Your Alien Registration Number: A_____

Your DOS Case ID: _____

The USCIS Immigrant Fee

Congratulations! You are approved to immigrate to the United States. Your next step is to pay the \$165 USCIS Immigrant Fee. This fee covers the cost of processing your immigrant visa packet and producing your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card). You will not receive your Green Card until you have paid this fee and traveled to the United States. These are the steps in the process:

1. The U.S. Embassy or Consulate will give you and your family members:

- A sealed immigrant visa packet. Keep it in a safe place and do not open it.
- An Alien Registration Number (A-Number). A-Numbers begin with the letter "A," followed by 8 or 9 numbers (example: **A012345678**). Your A-Number is at the top of this handout.
- A DOS Case ID, which usually begins with 3 letters followed by 9 or 10 numbers (example: **XYZ0123456789**). DOS Case ID numbers for Diversity Visa immigrants will have 4 numbers followed by 2 letters and 5 more numbers (example: **0000AB01234**). Your DOS Case ID is at the top of this handout.

2. You must pay the fee online using the USCIS Electronic Immigration System.

- Go to www.uscis.gov/uscis-elis and select "Log In."
- Select "USCIS Immigrant Fee" from the chart.
- Enter your A-Number and DOS Case ID as shown at the top of this handout.
- Pay \$165 online. If you have family members who will live with you in the United States, you can pay for those family members at the same time you pay for yourself. You will need each family member's A-Number and DOS Case ID.

Tips on Paying the USCIS Immigrant Fee

- We strongly suggest you pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee **before** you depart for the United States. However, you can pay the fee after you arrive in the United States if necessary.
- A family member, friend, employer, attorney or accredited representative can pay the fee for you.
- To track the status of your Green Card, visit www.uscis.gov and select "Check My Case Status."

IMPORTANT NOTE

USCIS will **only** mail your Green Card to the **U.S. mailing address** you provide to the **Department of State** at the time of your immigrant visa interview **or** to the **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** officer when you are admitted to the United States. If you plan on living at a different U.S. address immediately after you enter the United States, please give that address to the CBP officer to ensure that your card arrives at your new home.

- If you move after you arrive in the United States, please update your address with USCIS by visiting www.uscis.gov/addresschange or by calling the National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. Also, we recommend that you update your address with the U.S. Postal Service by visiting your local U.S. post office or online at www.usps.com/umove.
- If you have a problem paying the USCIS Immigrant Fee, contact us at <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/contactus>.
- If you updated your address and still do not receive your card within 45 days, you can submit an inquiry online at www.uscis.gov/e-request or call customer service at **1-800-375-5283**.
- For more information on the USCIS Immigrant Fee, visit www.uscis.gov/immigrantfee and read our customer guide that is available in [English](#), [Chinese \(Mandarin\)](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Urdu](#), and [Vietnamese](#).
- To learn about settling in the United States, visit www.uscis.gov/newimmigrants.
- For more information about USCIS, visit our website www.uscis.gov or www.uscis.gov/espanol.

