



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Check Your Eligibility to File Form I-539 Online

File Online

Filing online helps you to:

- Get your application into our processing queue faster than mail delivery; and
- Communicate with us directly, without sending paper mail.

You may [file Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status, online](#) if you are applying as a single applicant (without co-applicants, or legal or accredited representation) to extend your stay and you hold status as a:

- B-1 temporary visitor for business;
- B-2 temporary visitor for pleasure;
- F-1 academic student with a specific status expiration date;
- F-2 spouse or child of an academic student with a specific status expiration date;
- M-1 vocational student; or
- M-2 spouse or child of an M-1 student.

F-2 and M-2 Nonimmigrants

If you are in the U.S. with F-2 or M-2 nonimmigrant status and want to extend your stay, compare the expiration date on your visa with your spouse or parent's F-1 or M-1 visa. If the expiration dates on both visas are:

- Different, you may [apply online](#) as an individual.
- The same, you may apply as a co-applicant [using a paper Form I-539](#).

In the Near Future

Soon, you will be able to file Form I-539 online if you seek an extension and hold status as an H-4 spouse or child of an H temporary worker. USCIS will inform the public when this capability is available to the public.

We also plan to offer the ability to file your Form I-539 online if you:

- Possess nonimmigrant classifications other than those listed above;
- Seek to change your status;
- Are using a legal or accredited representative; or
- Are applying with a co-applicant.

To file online, you will:

- Use a desktop, laptop, phone, or tablet to complete the application;
- Be guided to complete the relevant parts of online Form I-539;
- Pay your filing fee online;
- Submit your application to USCIS; and
- Receive a near-instant notification in your USCIS online account when we receive your application.

After Applying Online

You will use your USCIS online account to:

- Receive your biometrics appointment notice;
- Receive status updates about your case;
- Respond to Requests for Evidence; and
- Update your contact information if it changes.

If you file Form I-539 online, we will still mail Form I-797, Notice of Action, and Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, to you as evidence that we granted the benefit.

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