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Beginning Aug. 12, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is temporarily extending the validity period for [Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#), from two years to now four years due to COVID-19-related delays in processing.

USCIS may consider a completed Form I-693 as valid if:

- The civil surgeon's signature is dated no more than 60 days before the applicant filed [Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status](#);
- No more than four years have passed since the date of the civil surgeon's signature; and
- A decision on the applicant's Form I-485 is issued on or before Sept. 30, 2021.

We are making this temporary change because COVID-19 has caused processing delays and affected applicants' ability to complete the required immigration medical examination. Previously, we considered a completed Form I-693 to retain its validity for two years after the date the civil surgeon signed, as long as the date of the civil surgeon's signature was no more than 60 days before the applicant filed for adjustment of status.

USCIS is on track to approve more employment-based adjustment of status applications than it has since FY 2005. We have prioritized employment-based adjustment of status applications during every step of its processing and adjudication during this fiscal year. We continue to make processing and resource allocation decisions to increase the pace of adjudications and limit the potential for employment-based visa numbers to go unused.

If you are applying for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident with USCIS (also known as applying for a Green Card), please file [Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#), together with [Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status](#). Doing so may eliminate the need for us to issue a Request for Evidence (RFE) and helps avoid adjudication delays.

For more information, see the [USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 8, Admissibility, Part B, Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility, Chapter 4, Review of Medical Examination Documentation](#).

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