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Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman

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## USCIS to Release a Revised Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman) would like to highlight U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) plan to publish a revised Form I-539, *Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status*.

As USCIS [announced](#) earlier this month, USCIS will publish on its website and only accept the revised Form I-539 and Form I-539A, *Supplemental Information for Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status* (edition date 02/04/19) starting March 11, 2019. The revised form makes several changes, including the addition of signature and biometrics fee requirements. The public can access an **unofficial** version of the revised Form I-539 [here](#) and Form I-539A [here](#) to review the anticipated

changes. Additional guidance on the revised form is available on the USCIS website [here](#).

USCIS will host a [teleconference](#) on **Friday, March 1, 2019, from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Eastern** to discuss the revisions and hear stakeholder concerns. The CIS Ombudsman's Office encourages its stakeholders to attend this USCIS event to learn more about the planned changes and ask questions during the open question and answer session. The CIS Ombudsman's Office will continue to monitor this issue and engage with USCIS to ensure a fair and transparent process.

**To Join the USCIS Engagement:**

On March 1, please use the information below to join the teleconference.

**Toll-Free (inside the U.S.):** 1-888-469-1981

**Toll (outside the U.S.):** 1-630-395-0027

**Passcode:** 4995430

The CIS Ombudsman hosts a monthly public teleconference series to share information about relevant topics and provide an opportunity to hear feedback from the community about issues related to the delivery of immigration benefits and services.



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