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## Policy Alert

**SUBJECT:** Removing Obsolete Form I-643 from Filing Requirements for Certain Adjustment Applications

### Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) to remove obsolete Form I-643, Health and Human Services Statistical Data for Refugee/Asylee Adjusting Status, from the filing requirements for applications for adjustment of status under section 209 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

### Background

USCIS previously required applicants seeking adjustment as refugees under INA 209 to file Form I-643 with their adjustment applications. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) used the data collected on the form to compile and analyze statistics relating to refugees and asylees. The form did not affect USCIS' adjudication of adjustment applications. USCIS is now removing the form as a filing requirement because HHS no longer uses the form.

This update affects Volume 7, Part L, of the Policy Manual. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior USCIS guidance.

### Policy Highlights

- Removes the requirement to complete and submit Form I-643, Health and Human Services Statistical Data for Refugee/Asylee Adjusting Status, when applying for adjustment of status as a refugee.

### Citation

Volume 7: Adjustment of Status, Part L, Refugee Adjustment, Chapter 4, Documentation and Evidence [[7 USCIS-PM L.4](#)].