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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Temporary Extension of Validity Period of Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is temporarily extending the validity period of the Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record ([Form I-693](#)).

Background

In general, those applying for immigration benefits while in the United States must use Form I-693 to show they are free from any conditions that would render them inadmissible under the health-related grounds.¹ Currently, USCIS considers a completed Form I-693 to retain its evidentiary value for 2 years after the date the civil surgeon signed, as long as the date of the civil surgeon's signature is no more than 60 days before the applicant filed for adjustment of status on the Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status ([Form I-485](#)).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related processing delays, USCIS has experienced delays in all aspects of operations. Applicants have also experienced difficulties beyond their control, including delays with completing the immigration medical examination. To address these issues, USCIS is temporarily extending the validity period of an otherwise valid Form I-693.

This temporary extension of the Form I-693's validity period is effective August 12, 2021 through September 30, 2021, and supersedes any related prior guidance on the topic during that time.

Policy Highlights

- Temporarily extends the validity period of an otherwise valid Form I-693 in cases where:
 - The civil surgeon's signature on Form I-693 is dated no more than 60 days before the applicant files Form I-485;
 - No more than 4 years have passed since the date of the civil surgeon's signature; and

¹ See [INA 232](#) and [8 CFR 232](#) (immigration medical examination). See [INA 212\(a\)\(1\)](#) (health-related grounds of inadmissibility).

- The decision on Form I-485 is issued on or before September 30, 2021.

Citation

Volume 8: Admissibility, Part B, Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility, Chapter 4, Review of Medical Examination Documentation [[8 USCIS-PM B.4](#)].