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Join us for today's [Tech Talks](#) at 2 p.m. Eastern today. We will discuss Online PDF Filing Options.

On Oct. 8, we introduced a PDF filing option for certain applicants seeking an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Eligible applicants now may upload a completed [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#), along with

required evidence, in PDF format using their [USCIS online account](#). Eligible applicants also may file a completed [Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver](#), with their application using the PDF filing option. This is the first time we are accepting fee waiver requests electronically filed via USCIS online accounts.

Initially, the PDF filing option will be available only for Form I-765 applicants in the following categories:

- (a)(12): Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS);
- (c)(8): Asylum application pending filed on or after Jan. 4, 1995;
- (c)(9): Certain family-based and employment-based applicants pending adjustment of status under Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- (c)(11): Parolee; and
- (c)(19): Pending initial application for TPS where USCIS determines applicant is prima facie eligible for TPS and can receive an EAD as a “temporary treatment benefit.”

If you are applying for a (c)(9) Pending Adjustment of Status category of Form I-765 that is [fee exempted](#), do not submit your application through the PDF filing option at this time. **If you file Form I-765 for the (c)(9) category, you will be required to pay a fee or submit a fee waiver request.** If you are fee exempt and proceed with paying the fee and submitting your application through the PDF filing option, **USCIS will not issue you a refund.** If you are filing under a fee exempt category, you should mail a paper Form I-765 to the address on the [Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#) website to receive the fee exemption.

The following (c)(9) categories are exempt from a filing fee for Form I-765:

- Special Immigrant Juveniles seeking to adjust status;
- T nonimmigrants seeking to adjust status under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 245(l);
- Persons seeking adjustment of status as a Special Immigrant Iraqi or Afghan national;

- Persons seeking adjustment of status as an abused spouse and children under the Cuban Adjustment Act or the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act;
- U nonimmigrants seeking to adjust status under INA section 245(m);
- Persons seeking adjustment of status as a Violence Against Women Act self-petitioner (including derivatives); and
- Refugees, persons paroled as refugees, or lawful permanent residents who obtained status as refugees.

Applications using the PDF filing option will have the same case management functionality in USCIS online accounts as those submitted through our existing e-filing workflow (for example, case status updates, receipt of Requests for Evidence, and decision notices). Although the new option expands filing options for applicants, individuals may still file paper application packages with USCIS by mail.

We continue to demonstrate our support of the [Executive Order on Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government](#) by introducing new initiatives aimed at improving the customer experience.

Next Steps

Planned future expansion of PDF filing will allow attorneys and accredited representatives to file these applications on behalf of their clients, as well as additional form types.

For More Information

We host monthly [Tech Talks](#) about USCIS online accounts. You may submit questions about online filing for discussion in these Tech Talks when you use the link to join the engagement or by emailing public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov.

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