

Information on I-539

I-539, Application To Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

Purpose of Form:	<p>This form is used by some nonimmigrants to request extensions of stay or changes from one nonimmigrant category to another nonimmigrant category. Please see the form's instructions for your specific nonimmigrant visa category.</p> <p>It is used by F and M nonimmigrants seeking reinstatement of status.</p> <p>It is also used by K-3/4 nonimmigrants to request extensions of stay and by persons seeking V nonimmigrant status while in the United States or extension of stay as a V nonimmigrant.</p>
Number of Pages:	10
Edition Date:	7/30/04 (Fee Change 1/14/05). 09/4/01 edition is acceptable.
Where to File:	<p>In most instances, you should mail this form to the Service Center having jurisdiction over where you live in the United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are filing for reinstatement as an F-1 or M-1 student, submit this application at the USCIS District or Sub-Office having jurisdiction over the place where you live.• If you are an E dependent filing for an extension of stay and you live in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia or West Virginia, mail your application to the Texas Service Center. If you do not live in one of these states, mail your application to the California Service Center.• If you are a TD filing for an extension of stay or requesting a change to nonimmigrant TD status, mail your application to the Nebraska Service Center.• If you are filing as a V applicant, follow the instructions on Form I-539 Supplement A, Filing Instructions for V Nonimmigrants.
Filing Fee:	<p>New Fee: If your application is postmarked on or after April 30, 2004, the required fee is \$195.</p> <p>Please consult the "Paying Fees" section of your local office or Service Center page to learn which forms of payment are accepted. Acceptable forms of payment may vary by office.</p> <p>Applicants for V nonimmigrant status only, please note a separate charge for biometrics may also be required when the applicant is present in the United States.</p>

Special Instructions:

K-3/4 Nonimmigrants: Use this form to obtain an extension of K-3/4 status while your permanent residence case is being processed. You may also submit a [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#), at the same time as this form to request renewal of your employment authorization. You may travel outside of the U.S. and be readmitted as a K-3/4, if you have a valid passport and K-3/4 visa.

V Nonimmigrants: See [Form I-539 Supplement A, Filing Instructions for V Nonimmigrants](#), for special instructions. You may also submit a [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#), at the same time as this form to request issuance or renewal of your employment authorization. You may travel outside of the U.S. and be readmitted as a V, if you have a valid passport and obtain a V visa from the Department of State.

Filing Petitions and Applications

The address for filing petitions and applications at the Northern Service Center is:

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Northern Service Center
P.O. Box 87539
Lincoln, NE 68501-7539