

New Asylum Fees & How to Pay Them

This handout explains the new asylum-related fees, how to pay them, and the types of notices you should receive from **USCIS** and the **Immigration Court**. This guide is for individuals who do not have lawyers. It is not legal advice.

What Are the New Asylum Fees?

Under updated rules, certain asylum applicants are now required to pay fees when **Filing Form I-589 (Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal)** with USCIS or the Immigration court, and every year thereafter if their application remains pending.

Currently the fee is \$100 for new applications. There is a \$102 yearly fee for pending applications. Before recently, there was no fee for an asylum application.

What Will I Need to Pay the Fee?

- Your A Number
- Your I-589 receipt number
- Credit Card/Debit Card/Pre-Paid Credit Card or Bank Account Information
- Internet Access

How Will I Be Notified Know When I Owe a Fee?

For all applications (both affirmative and defensive) you should receive notice alerting you that you need to pay either through the mail, your USCIS account or in person at your court hearing. However, it is possible that you may not receive notice because it was lost in the mail, or you have not updated your address with the immigration court or USCIS.

Make sure to keep your address up to date with USCIS and/or the immigration court.

- a. Information on how to update your address with USCIS is available here:
<https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange>
- b. Information on how to update your address with the immigration court is available here:
<https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/forms/eoir33ic/>

It is important to note that even if you do not receive notice, you are still responsible for paying the asylum application annual fee when due.

Depending on where your Asylum Application is filed, there are different instructions for how to pay the fee.

Process Before Immigration Court (EOIR)

If you have a case pending before the immigration court, these procedures apply to you.

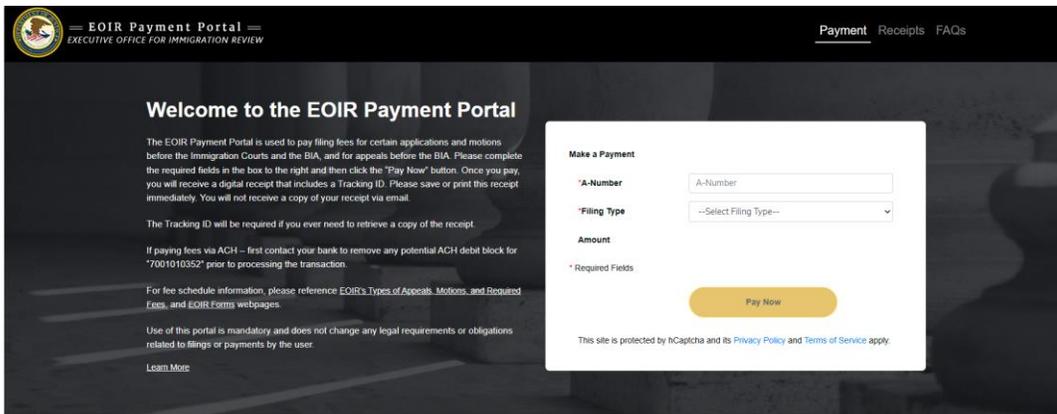
How Will I Know When I Owe a Fee?

If you are filing a **new asylum application** with the immigration court, you must pay the fee **before you file your application with the court.**

If you have an **asylum application already pending** with the court, the court should mail you a notice alerting you that you need to pay or provide you a notice when you have your court hearing. Payment is due as listed on the date of the notice. Some courts may require payment within 30 days, other courts may require payment within 60 days, and others may require a different deadline. Follow the deadline on the notice you receive.

How do I Pay The Asylum Fees to the immigration court?

If your case is in immigration court, to pay the annual asylum fee, go to the following website: <https://epay.eoir.justice.gov/index>. You will need to enter your A number (immigration number) and select a filing type.



The screenshot shows the EOIR Payment Portal website. The header includes the EOIR logo and the text "EOIR Payment Portal" and "EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW". There are navigation links for "Payment", "Receipts", and "FAQs". The main content area is titled "Welcome to the EOIR Payment Portal" and contains instructions on how to use the portal. On the right side, there is a "Make a Payment" form with the following fields: "A-Number" (text input), "Filing Type" (dropdown menu), and "Amount" (text input). Below the form is a "Pay Now" button. At the bottom of the form, it says "This site is protected by hCaptcha and its Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply."

If your asylum application is **already pending with the court**, select **Annual Asylum Fee (AAF) - Pending Application for asylum.**

Make a Payment

*A-Number

*Filing Type

Amount

\$100.00

* Required Fields

Pay Now

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If you are filing an asylum application **for the first time, select Court I-589 Application for Asylum (Initial Fee).**

Make a Payment

*A-Number

*Filing Type

Amount

\$100.00

* Required Fields

Pay Now

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After you pay, save a copy of the receipt and your Payment Tracking ID for your records. Print the receipt, include it with your asylum application when you submit it, or give it to the judge at your next hearing if your application has already been submitted to the court. If you do not include the receipt showing that you paid the asylum fee, the immigration court may deny your asylum application. A sample receipt can be found here: <https://asaptogether.org/en/court-initial-fee-receipt/>

Process before USCIS (Asylum Office)

If you are filing your asylum case with USCIS or you have already filed and your case is still with that office, the below procedures apply to you.

How Will I Know When I Owe a Fee?

If you are filing a **new application** you will owe the fee when you file it.

If **you already filed your application** and it is pending, you should receive an official **written notice from USCIS**. The notice will say that **you have 30 days from the “notice date” to pay the fee**.

You might receive this notice by mail or in your USCIS account. If you have not received a notice and your asylum application is pending with USCIS, you should check **this USCIS payment website** (<https://my.uscis.gov/accounts/annual-asylum-fee/questionnaire>) to see if you are required to pay the fee now.

How do I Pay The Asylum Fees to USICS?

For **new asylum applications**, if you are submitting your asylum application online, you can pay the filing fee at the end of the online application. If you are submitting your asylum application by mail, you can include the fee in the same envelope by filling out a form to include your credit card, debit card, or bank information.

- **To pay using a credit or debit card:** fill out [Form G-1450](#) at <https://www.uscis.gov/g-1450>. Include the signed and completed form on top of your asylum application. While cash is not accepted, if you do not have a credit or debit card, you can also use a pre-paid credit card. Be sure to leave enough money on the card to cover the filing fee. Your application may be rejected if USCIS attempts to collect the fee and there isn't enough money in the account.
- **Bank Account:** To pay by electronic debit (ACH) from a U.S. bank account, fill out [Form G-1650](#), <https://www.uscis.gov/g-1650>. Include the signed and completed form on top of your asylum application.

If you do not pay the fee, USCIS says it will reject your asylum application and return it.

For asylum applications **already pending with USCIS**, when you check the website to see if you can pay your fee to USCIS, you will need to enter you A number (your immigration file number provided on your immigration records) and your receipt number (on the notice you received requiring you to pay the fee, or on the notice you received after you submitted your asylum application).

If you enter your information into the website and you receive a message that says “Before your application can proceed further, you must pay your annual asylum fee,” then you can pay the fee now. You will see a blue “pay and submit” button. Click the button.

You can pay the fee by providing your credit card, debit card, or U.S. bank account information. If you do not have these options, you can use a pre-paid card but make sure to have enough money on the card to pay the fee.

After you enter your payment information you will see a screen with an “Agency Tracking ID.” **Write this number down because you will not have another chance to do so later.**

Check the box at the bottom and click “continue” to submit your payment.

When the payment goes through, you will see a screen that says you successfully paid your annual asylum fee. You should take a screenshot of this page for your records.

You should also receive a receipt from USCIS either in your USCIS account or by mail.



What if I enter my information and the USCIS Website says I don’t need to pay now?

If you enter your information into the website and are *not* required to pay the fee at this time, the website will say that you do not need to pay now.

You should check this website every week to see when you are required to pay.



Keep Copies of Everything

Always keep: - Fee notices - Receipts - Biometric appointment letters - Any mail from USCIS or Immigration Court.



Frequently asked questions

2. Is there a fee waiver?

- a. No. there is no way to waive this fee. It must be paid every year.

3. What if I’m married and I have children and those family members are included in my asylum application? Do I have to pay a fee for them too?

- a. No. The fee is per asylum application, not per person. If your family members have their own separate asylum application, they will each have to pay the fee. But if your family members are just included in your application, and have not filed their own separate asylum application, they do not have to pay a separate fee.

4. What if my case has already been pending for a few years? Do I have to pay for each year my case has been pending?

- a. No. The government will charge a maximum of \$102, which will cover all previous years that the application has been pending. The government will

not charge additional fees for past years that your application has been pending. For example, if an asylum application has been pending for 5 years, the annual asylum fee would be \$102. It would not be \$510. However, in the future, the government does plan to charge asylum applicants an annual asylum fee once per year, as long as their asylum application remains pending.

5. What if I paid my fees to the immigration court and I forgot to save my receipt?

If you did not save a copy of your receipt, you can access it later by entering your A Number and Payment Tracking ID at <https://epay.eoir.justice.gov/receipt> If you do not know your Payment Tracking ID, you can access it for 5 days after you made the payment by going back to the website where you paid the fee, entering your A number, and again choosing “Annual Asylum Fee” or “Court I-589 – Application for Asylum – Initial Fee” for filing type. If more than 5 days have passed, the immigration court says you can try contacting your immigration court to request the Payment Tracking ID.

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