

<u>INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS IN IMMIGRATION COURT</u> AND FOR PROVIDING BIOMETRIC AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TO U. S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

* If you are filing both an I-589 Form and any additional forms (such as I-485, EOIR-40, EOIR-42A, EOIR-42B, or I-881), you must follow BOTH INSTRUCTIONS A & B.

A. Instructions for Form I-589 (Asylum and for Withholding of Removal)*

In addition to filing your application for asylum and supporting documents with the Immigration Court, you **must complete the following requirements** before the Immigration Judge can grant relief or protection in your case:

SEND these 3 items to the address below:

- (1) A clear <u>copy</u> of the **first three pages** of your completed Form I-589 (Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal) that you will be filing or have filed with the Immigration Court, which must include your **full name, your current mailing address, and your alien number** (A number). (Do Not submit any documents other than the first three pages of the completed I-589),
- (2) A copy of Form EOIR–28 (Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative Before the Immigration Court) if you are represented, and
- (3) A copy of these instructions.

USCIS Nebraska Service Center Defensive Asylum Application With Immigration Court P.O. Box 87589 Lincoln, NE 68501-7589

Please note that there is **no filing fee required** for your asylum application.

After the 3 items are received at USCIS Nebraska Service Center, vou will receive:

- A USCIS receipt notice in the mail indicating that USCIS has received your asylum application, and
- An ASC notice for you, and separate Application Support Center (ASC) notices for each dependent included in your application. Each ASC notice will indicate the individual's unique receipt number and will provide instructions for each person to appear for an appointment at a nearby ASC for collection of biometrics (such as your photograph, fingerprints, and signature). If you do not receive this notice in 3 weeks, call (800) 375-5283. If you also mail applications under Instructions B, you will receive 2 notices with different receipt numbers. You must wait for and take both scheduling notices to your ASC appointment.

You (and your dependents) must then:

- Attend the biometrics appointment at the ASC, and obtain a biometrics confirmation document before leaving the ASC, and
- **Retain** your **ASC biometrics confirmation** as proof that your biometrics were taken, and bring it to your future Immigration Court hearings.

□ B. Instructions for Form(s) I-485, EOIR-40, EOIR-42A, EOIR-42B, or I-881*

You **must complete the following requirements** before the Immigration Judge can grant relief in your case:

SEND these 5 items to the address below:

- (1) A clear <u>copy</u> of the entire application form that you will be filing or have filed with the Immigration Court. (Do not submit any documents other than the completed form itself),
- (2) The appropriate application fee. (The fee can be found in the instructions with the application, the regulations, and at www.uscis.gov or for the EOIR forms, at www.uscis.gov or for the EOIR forms or white the way of the example of the e
- (3) The \$70 USCIS biometrics fee,
- (4) A copy of Form EOIR–28 (Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative Before the Immigration Court) if you are represented, and
- (5) A copy of these instructions.

USCIS Texas Service Center P.O. Box 852463 Mesquite, Texas 75185-2463

Both fees must be submitted in the form of a check or a money order (or 2 separate checks/money orders) and be made out to: "Department of Homeland Security."

After the 5 items are received at the USCIS Texas Service Center, you will receive:

• A USCIS notice with your USCIS receipt number and with instructions to appear for an appointment at a nearby Application Support Center (ASC) for collection of your biometrics (such as your photographs, fingerprints, and signature). Your dependents will receive separate notices if they are required to provide biometrics. If you do not receive this notice in 3 weeks, call (800) 375-5283. If you also apply for asylum, take both scheduling notices to your ASC appointment (see side A).

You (and your dependents) must then:

- **Attend** this biometrics appointment at the ASC, and obtain a **biometrics confirmation** document from the ASC,
- **File** the following with the Immigration Court within the time period directed by the Immigration Judge: (1) the original **application Form**, (2) all **supporting documentation**, and (3) the **USCIS notice** that instructs you to appear for an appointment at the ASC, and serves as a receipt for your filing fees, and
- **Retain** your **ASC biometrics confirmation** as proof that your biometrics were taken, and bring it to your future Immigration Court hearings.

IMPORTANT: Failure to complete these actions and to follow any additional instructions that the Immigration Judge has given you could result in a delay in deciding your application or in your application being deemed abandoned and dismissed by the court.

