

Requests to Expedite a Form I-601

An applicant may request that our office expedite the adjudication of Form I-601. In order to receive the privilege of expedited processing, the applicant must show that time-sensitive and compelling circumstances require their presence in the United States before the average processing time.

Expedited processing is rarely granted. The types of situations that generally merit expeditious processing include, but are not limited to, situations in which the applicant establishes one or more of the following:

- The applicant has urgent, critical medical needs that cannot be addressed in the applicant's country;
- An applicant's family member in the United States has a life-threatening medical condition, and the applicant is able to assist the family member with immediate needs related to that condition;
- Urgent circumstances related to the death or terminal illness of a family member;
- The applicant or qualifying family member is a particularly vulnerable individual due to age or disability;
- The applicant is at risk of serious harm due to personal circumstances distinct from the general safety conditions of those living in the applicant's country; or
- It would be in the national interest of the United States to have the applicant in the United States (for example, the applicant's presence in the United States is urgently required for work with a U.S. government entity).

To apply for expedited processing of a Form I-601, please send a written request via email to uscis.athens@dhs.gov, noting "Request to Expedite I-601" on the subject line. The request should include the following information:

- Applicant's Name;
- Case number;
- Telephone number;
- Mailing address; and
- Email address

Requests for expedited processing must include sufficient evidence to support the claimed need for such processing, or an explanation as to why such evidence is not available. For example, if the request is based on an urgent, life-threatening medical condition, the applicant should provide a medical report. If the request is based on urgent need by a U.S. government entity to have the applicant in the United States, a letter from the entity supporting the expedite request should be provided.

Please note that you will receive a confirmation letter upon our receipt of your request, however, we are unable to respond to each individual request for expedited processing. You will receive notification *only* if your request to expedite the processing of your Form I-601 is granted. If you have not received a response within 15 business days from the date on the confirmation letter, please presume that regrettably your request for expedited processing has been denied.