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Your U.S. Immigration Obligations: Notifying the Government of an Address Change

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Who needs to notify USCIS of an address change?

Noncitizens* in the United States must report a change of address to USCIS within 10 days of moving



Most foreign nationals in the United States are obligated to notify USCIS when they change their U.S. residential address, including:

- Lawful permanent residents (green-card holders)
- Most nonimmigrants and their dependents, e.g., H-1B, L-1, TN, O-1, B-1/B-2
- Beneficiaries of humanitarian benefits, e.g., DACA, Temporary Protected Status, humanitarian parole
- Applicants for immigration benefits who are present in the United States, e.g., adjustment applicants

***Exceptions:** A and G visa holders, visa-exempt travelers who are in the United States for less than 30 days aren't required to file a change of address notification



The change of address must be filed within 10 days of the change

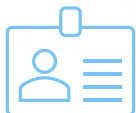
Why is it important to file your USCIS change of address?



It's the law! Keeping USCIS up-to-date with your U.S. address is an important obligation of your stay in the United States.



Failing to file has serious consequences. Failure to comply with the address change notification requirements may affect your ability to remain in the United States and your ability to reenter the United States after international travel; noncompliance may also be criminally punishable as a misdemeanor, with a fine not to exceed \$200 and/or imprisonment of not more than thirty days.



The U.S. government has recently increased its scrutiny of foreign nationals' compliance with the address change requirement. Recent changes in federal immigration enforcement policy make it more important than ever that you notify USCIS of an address change on time

How to file a USCIS change of address



There are two ways to submit a change-of-address notification to USCIS:

- **Online** through a [USCIS account](#); or
- By **mail**, by filing USCIS [Form AR-11](#), Alien's Change of Address Card



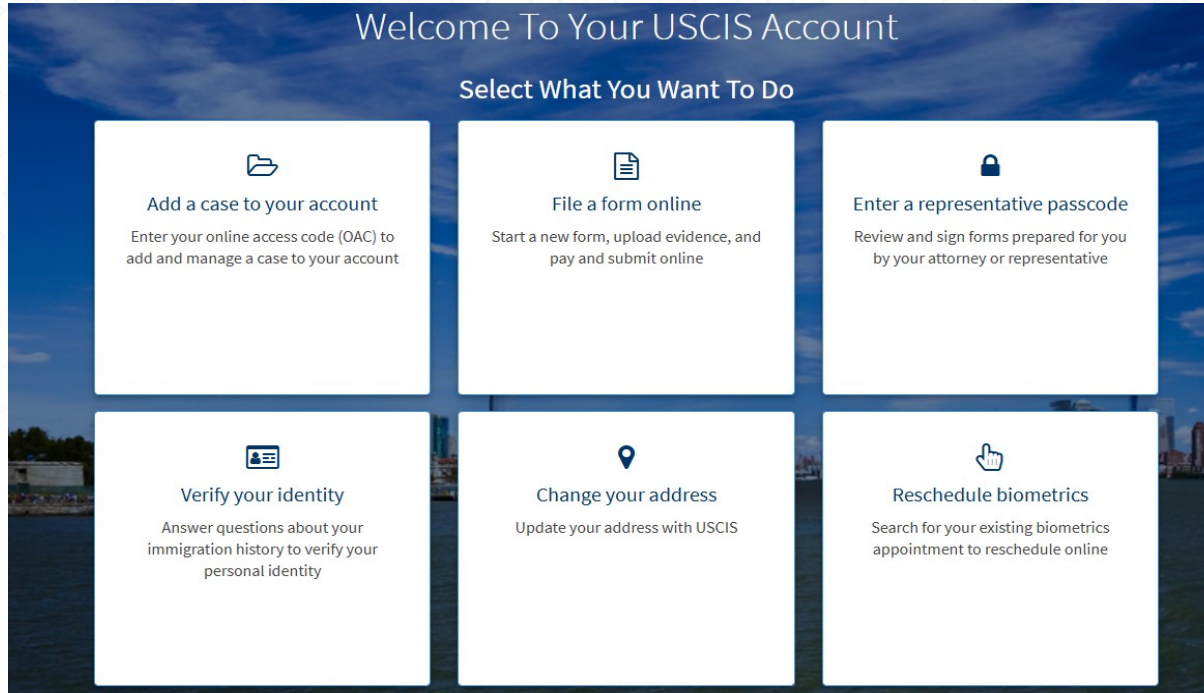
Online is preferred! Filing your change of address online at the USCIS website is the most efficient way to:

- ✓ Satisfy your legal obligation to notify USCIS of your new address; AND
- ✓ Promptly update your address details in the USCIS case management system.
This is critical if you have a pending application.

IMPORTANT: Filing a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service does NOT change your address with USCIS!

What is a USCIS Account?

myUSCIS is a personalized account that you can create [here](#)



Creating a *myUSCIS* account allows you to:

- Complete a change of address notification
- Monitor your applications pending with USCIS
- Reschedule a biometrics appointment

Click below to watch a video on creating a *myUSCIS* account.

How to Create a USCIS Online Account for Applicants

Watch on YouTube

What'll you need to complete the change of address online

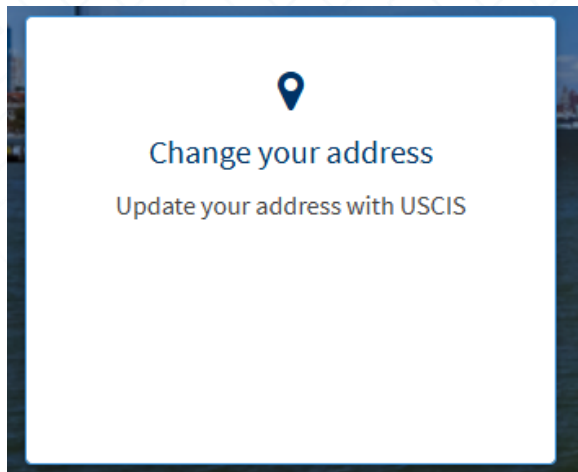
- ❑ **A USCIS online account.** If you do not have a USCIS online account, you will need to [create one](#) in order to submit the online change of address request. If you have dependents, each family member in the United States must submit a change of address request. USCIS recommends each foreign national have their own online account even if they are minors.
- ❑ **USCIS receipt numbers and access codes** for any applications that are currently pending. You can find the receipt number and access code on the Form I-797 filing receipt for your pending case. Have the receipt(s) readily available when you start the online change of address process. You can submit multiple receipt numbers in a single change of address.

Receipt Number IOE0922442222	USCIS Online Account Number 222333444555	Case Type N-400 – APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION
Received Date 06/20/2019	Priority Date 06/20/2019	Applicant A012 345 678 Doe, Jane
Notice Date 06/24/2019	Page 1 of 1	
Jane Doe 321 Main Street, Apt. 34 Anytown, MD 12345		Notice Type: USCIS Account Access Notice Online Access Code: 6E702-98EB-5252D

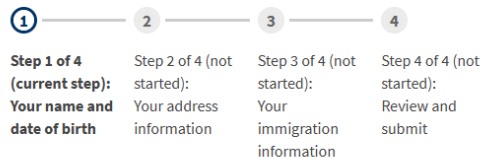
How to complete the change of address online

Once you're ready to complete your change of address on the USCIS website –

- ❑ Sign into your USCIS online account
- ❑ Select the tab to “Change your address”
- ❑ The system will walk you through four easy steps



Change Your Address



⚠ You will lose your progress if you close this window

Your responses will not be saved and you will need to begin a new Change of Address request if you close this window. Make sure you have the necessary time and information before you begin.

The information you'll be asked to provide during the process

Your Address Information

What is your new physical address?

We will use your address to contact you throughout the application process. We may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address.

Country

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town

State

ZIP code

Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.

Is your new physical address the same as your mailing address?

- Yes
 No

Your Immigration Information

What is your A-Number?

I do not have or know my A-Number.

Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.

Case information

Please provide a receipt number if you have an application, petition, or request filed with USCIS.

Note: To avoid delays in receiving notices and benefits, it is critical that you include the receipt number for each of your cases with USCIS. You can submit up to 25 receipt numbers per request. If you need to submit change of address for more than 25 receipts, start a second change of address request and include the additional receipt numbers after submitting your initial request.

I do not have a receipt number

Receipt number

Example: IOE1234567890

[+ Add a receipt number](#)

Review Your Request

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your request.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your request. You can edit your responses by returning to the section you need to change.

Certify And Submit

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my request, I understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my request, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Filing a USCIS change of address by mail



Alternatively, you can file USCIS Form AR-11, Alien Change of Address Card, by mail. This [form](#) is available on the USCIS website.



Print, complete, sign and date the form



Mail the original form to the USCIS address listed in the Instructions on page 2 of the form. To ensure that USCIS has received the form, you may want to send it by U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail with a Return Receipt Request.

IMPORTANT: Filing Form AR-11 does not provide an automated update to your address in USCIS systems for applications that may be pending on your behalf. In order to update your address for an application pending on your behalf, you will need to contact USCIS

Want to know more about your immigration responsibilities in the United States?

Check Fragomen's [website](#) for important information on how to comply!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Fragomen professional.

