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USCIS to Increase Premium Processing Fees

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USCIS is preparing an announcement that it will increase premium processing fees beginning on Monday, October 19, 2020, as included in the [Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act](#), which was signed into law on September 30, 2020.

Fees will increase from \$1,440 to \$2,500 for benefit requests that are already eligible for premium processing services through the Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing, except for H-2B and R-1 petitions. Those petitions will see an increase from \$1,440 to \$1,500.

Any Form I-907 that is postmarked on or after October 19, 2020, must include the new fee amount. Any filings that are postmarked on or after October 19, 2020, that include the incorrect premium processing fee, will see the Form I-907 rejected and the fee returned. For filings sent by courier services such as UPS, Fed Ex, and DHL, the postmark date will be the date included on the courier receipt.

Pub. L. No. 116-159 also gives USCIS the ability to expand premium processing to additional forms and benefit requests, but USCIS is not yet taking that action. Any expansion of premium processing to other forms will be implemented as provided in the legislation.

Please feel free to contact any attorney in our immigration law group at Jaffe if you should have questions or wish to utilize premium processing under the new scheme.

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