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United States – USCIS International Field Offices No Longer Accept Form I-407

Effective July 1, 2019, individuals seeking to abandon their U.S. lawful permanent resident (LPR) status are no longer allowed to file Form I-407, *Record of Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Resident Status*, at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) international field offices by mail or in person.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

Form I-407 is used to formally alert the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of an individual's intentional abandonment of his or her LPR status. For various reasons, U.S. lawful permanent residents who reside outside the United States may decide to voluntarily abandon their LPR status.

Following the most up-to-date procedures in submitting the Form I-407 can help to ensure government databases are properly updated to record an individual's formal abandonment of LPR status.²

Background

Form I-407 is used to record an individual's abandonment of LPR status. It is also used as a record that the individual has knowingly, willingly, and affirmatively waived his or her right to a hearing before an immigration judge.

Prior to the update in procedure, individuals holding LPR status were permitted to submit Form I-407 in person or by mail to a U.S. consulate, U.S. embassy, or USCIS international field office, as well as in person at a U.S. port of entry, or by mailing the form directly to USCIS. There is no government filing fee associated with the Form I-407.

New Procedure

Going forward, Form I-407 must be submitted via mail to:

USCIS Eastern Forms Center
Attn: I-407 unit
124 Leroy Road, P.O. Box 567
Williston, VT 05495

Individuals may also submit Form I-407 to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer at a U.S. port of entry.

USCIS anticipates processing times at the Eastern Forms Center to be within 60 days from receipt to completion, not including mailing time to, or from outside of, the United States.

In very rare circumstances, a U.S. embassy, U.S. consulate, or USCIS international field office may accept a Form I-407 in person if an individual requires immediate proof that he or she has abandoned LPR status, such as in the case of "A" or "G" visa applicants for foreign diplomats, government officials, and employees who will work for international organizations in the United States.

KPMG NOTE

Individuals seeking to abandon their LPR status should consult with legal counsel before submitting Form I-407. In addition to recording the abandonment of LPR status, signing and submitting Form I-407 waives your right to a hearing before an immigration judge. Please be aware there have been instances of U.S. CBP officers encouraging individuals to sign Form I-407 without first speaking with legal counsel.

It is important to fully understand the implications of abandoning LPR status before filing the Form I-407.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 To read the USCIS alert, [click here](#).
- 2 For more information about Form I-407, [click here](#).

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