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Premium Processing Reinstated for Certain Form I-140, Immigrant Petitions for Alien Workers

Effective June 29, 2009, USCIS will resume premium processing for Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, involving EB-1 Aliens with Extraordinary Ability, EB-1 Outstanding Professors and Researchers, EB-2 Members of the Professions with Advanced Degrees or Exceptional Ability (National Interest Waivers excluded), EB-3 Professionals, EB-3 Skilled Workers, and EB-3 Workers other than Skilled Workers and Professionals.

Premium Processing Service is still not available for I-140 petitions involving EB-1 Multinational Executives and Managers and EB-2 Members of Professions with Advanced Degrees or Exceptional Ability seeking a National Interest Waiver.

USCIS concluded that it is now able to provide premium processing service upon evaluation of its I-140 backlog reduction efforts and increased efficiency in adjudicating I-140 petitions. Premium Processing Service guarantees that USCIS will approve, deny or issue a notice of intent to deny or request for evidence within 15 calendar days of submitting an additional \$1,000 filing fee and premium processing request form.

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