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Statement

Receipts Issued from the California Service Center (CSC)

Some U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) customers may receive a receipt or transfer notice from the California Service Center (CSC) for cases they filed with local District Offices in the USCIS Eastern Region or with the National Benefits Center. This is occurring because, in the context of backlog elimination, some cases that are unlikely to require an interview have been transferred from district offices with longer backlogs to the California Service Center where there is greater existing adjudications capacity. These transfer notices reflect receipt by the CSC of a case that has been transferred there to be adjudicated, rather than original receipt of the case by USCIS. For newly filed cases, customers may receive their first receipt notice from CSC, rather than the National Benefits Center or the District Office.

- Case types include the following:
- Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status;
- Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative;
- Form I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence;
- Form N-565, Application for Replacement of Citizenship Document; and
- Form N-600, Application for Certification of Citizenship.

For I-485, I-130, N-565, and N-600 cases, affected applicants will receive a notice from the CSC with a receipt number. This notice confirms that the case has been successfully entered into the electronic database. Please refer to the new CSC receipt number if you need to inquire about the case. For I-751s, customers will not receive a new receipt and may first learn of the transfer of their case through a Request for Evidence. While processing a relocated case, the CSC may determine that additional information or documentation is needed before a final decision can be made. USCIS would like to remind ALL applicants that it is very important to pay close attention to the return address noted on all requests for additional information or documentation, to ensure that the response is sent to the correct USCIS location. Approval notices will reflect the original filing (priority) date.

Please allow 180-days before inquiring in reference to the status of these cases. For additional information, contact the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

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