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Fee Waiver

→ What forms qualify to file a fee waiver?

These forms apply to filing fee and/or biometric service fee waiver (except for Form I-601A - applicant must pay for biometrics).

- EOIR 29
- I-90
- I-129 (only for E-2 CNMI)
- I-131 (only for humanitarian parole)
- I-191
- I-192 / I-193 (only if exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility)
- I-290B (only if underlying application was fee exempt, waived, or eligible for fee waiver)
- I-485 (only if special immigrant status OR exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility)
- I-539 (only if applicant with benefit request specified by INA 245(1)(7) OR applicant for E-2 CNMI)
- I-601 (only if exempt from the public charge grounds of inadmissibility)
- I-694 (only if underlying application or petition was fee exempt, filing fee waived, or eligible for fee waiver)
- I-751
- I-765 (not for C33 and C37)
- I-817 / I-821 / I-881
- N-300 / N-336 / N-400 / N-470 / N-565 / N-600 / N-600K
- Any Application/Petition for:
 - Battered Spouse of A, G, E-3, or H nonimmigrants (I-485, I-601, I-212...)
 - Battered Spouse or Child of a LPR or US Citizen under INA 240A(b)(2)
 - T nonimmigrant (I-912, I-485, I-601...)
 - TPS (I-131, I-821, I-601...)
 - U nonimmigrant (I-192, I-485, I-929...)
 - VAWA self-petitioner (I-485, I-601, I-212...)

→ How to qualify?

- a) Means-Tested Benefits → if you, your spouse, or head of household living with you receives a means-tested benefit (Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF, SSI)
 - *NOT Medicare, unemployment benefits, social security retirement benefit, social security disability insurance (SSDI), Social Security Retirement-Survivors-Disability Insurance (RSDI), or student financial aid.*
- b) Income is below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (based on Income Tax Returns)

→ How to show proof?

- Individual may show they personally receive the means-tested benefit.
- If a child is the only applicant, the child can show his or his custodial parent's means-tested benefit if they live together.
- If multiple children applying at the same time, each child must show their own or their parent(s) means-tested benefit if they live together.

→ My spouse receives a means-tested benefit, does that help me?

Yes, as long as you are residing with your spouse and are not separated.

→ My parents receive a means-tested benefit and we live together but I'm 21, does that help me?

No. You cannot use your parent's means-tested benefit (such as SSI), even if you are living together, but may be considered if your income is at or below the 150% Federal Poverty Guidelines or show Financial Hardship.

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