Consular Notification
Service Center Operations
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Introduction

Consular Notification: When a petition is approved and the beneficiary elects consular processing the Service Center will forward the approved petition to the Department of State.

- Non-immigrants process through the Kentucky Consular Center
- Immigrants process through the National Visa Center
Overview

Part 1 Vermont Service Center

- Slide presentation on how the Service Centers notify the Department of State when a nonimmigrant petition is approved.
- Question and answer period

Part 2 California Service Center

- Slide presentation on how the Service Centers notify the Department of State when an immigrant petition is approved.
- Question and answer period
KCC Processing of Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker (Form I-129)

- File a second copy of the petition and supporting documentation
  - Include a cover letter. Notate: KCC Copy, Please Forward to KCC after approval.

- Once adjudicated, the second copy is also annotated and stamped by the officer.

- The second copy is sent to the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC).

- The original copy remains a part of the USCIS record.
Visa Processing of Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker (Form I-129)

- Service Centers forward the second copy to the KCC:
  - Petitions are sent regular mail and generally take 7 to 10 business days to reach the KCC.

- The KCC separates the petitions into four different visa categories:
  1. Electronic and Paper Expedites by email and fax within 1 business day
  2. O,P,T,U Classifications - within 3 business days
  3. H, L, R, Non COS/EOS Petitions - within 5 business days
  4. COS/EOS Petitions All Visa Classes - within 10 business days
KCC Processing of Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker (Form I-129)

- The KCC scans the duplicate into the Petition Information Management System (PIMS).
- US Embassies or Consulates access the petition through the PIMS system.
- Once the information is in PIMS, it is available electronically to all consulates and embassies.
I-129 Filings Requesting Consular Processing

- A second copy should be included with every petition
  - This includes a second G-28, if applicable.
- When responding to a Request for Evidence or an Intent issued by USCIS, include two copies of your response.
- If a second copy is not provided, the Service Center will not make one.
I-129 Filings Extension of Status

- An I-129 beneficiary does have the ability to travel while an EOS request is pending.

- If the beneficiary is outside the United States at the time the EOS petition is approved, he/she may be able to consular process, if the information has been uploaded into PIMS.
I-129 Beneficiaries should be proactive

- Prior to arriving at the consulate, call ahead to schedule an appointment and inquire as to whether the case information is located in PIMS.

- If it is not, the consulate will contact KCC to request upload of the information and this can take 3 to 5 days for the information to appear.

- Contacting U.S. Embassies and Consulates - For case-specific inquiries, find the consulate or embassy that was requested at [www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov)
Contact Information

- Visa Information and Assistance - [http://travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)
- Contacting Visa Services - (202) 663-1225
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