

CSC Liaison Report on Interview-Waivable I-485s

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In early March 2007, USCIS informed AILA Liaison that in anticipation of the next phase of Bi-Specialization, I-485 applications were being transferred from CSC to NSC and from VSC to TSC.

As an exception, all family-based I-485s that are deemed interview-waivable are sent to the CSC. It is expected that the CSC will continue to have sole jurisdiction over interview-waivable family-based I-485s. The interview-waiver adjustment application categories are:

IR-7 Child of a U.S. citizen or Step-child of U.S. Citizen - non conditional.

CR-7: Step-child of a U.S. citizen - conditional.

IR-0: Parent of a U.S. citizen.

CF-1: Alien whose record of admission is created upon the conclusion of a valid marriage contract after entering as a fiancé or fiancée of a U.S. citizen - conditional.

CF-2: Minor step-child of an alien classified as CF1-conditional.

F-27: Child (under 21 years of age) of a lawful permanent resident alien (subject to country limitations) - NOTE: although F27 category covers child under 21 years of age, only cases where the child is under 14 is interview-waived.

CU-6: Native/Citizen of Cuba filing under the Cuban Adjustment Act. (Adjudicated at TSC/NSC)

CU-7: Non-Cuban spouse or child of an alien classified as a CU6. (Adjudicated at TSC/NSC)

A family-based I-485 that falls into one of the above categories is not automatically interview-waivable. Other factors are also considered in determining whether an interview should be scheduled.

The CSC is current with its I-485 workload. If a case is pending beyond normal processing time, it is likely still going through the security checks process. Requesting that a case be transferred to a District Office (DO) for interview is not likely to result in speedier adjudication, as the DO would not be able to interview the case until completion of the security check.

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