

Asylum Application Fee Payment Updates

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

On **July 4, 2025**, President Trump signed the **One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)** into law. This new law increases many immigration-related fees and makes it harder for some people to access or continue with their immigration process. These changes apply to many types of filings, including **asylum applications before immigration courts and USCIS**. The fees include a new fee of \$100.00 for filing the Form I-589 and an additional annual \$100.00 for any asylum application pending for a year or more. Before this law, there were no fees to apply for or continue asylum cases.

**** There is no waiver or reduced fee available for asylum applicants and lack of timely payment could lead to your asylum application being delayed or even *rejected*.**

Last Update: October 2, 2025 (As new information is available, this resource will be updated.)



On September 23, 2025, the **Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)** announced updates to its **Payment Portal**, which now allows you to pay certain filing fees for immigration court applications and motions online. You can pay online anytime at: <https://epay.eoir.justice.gov/index>

Procedures for paying the fee may vary depending on each judge so make sure to follow the instructions of your immigration judge or contact the immigration court clerk if you have questions

I. I am an asylum seeker with a pending application. What does this mean for me?

Whether you filed your asylum application in Immigration Court or with USCIS (affirmatively and not in court) you will need to pay \$100 each year to continue your pending asylum case.

If you filed with **USCIS**, on October 1, 2025, USCIS began sending notices to all individuals with pending asylum applications who are required to pay the new Annual Asylum Fee within 30 days of receiving that notice.

If you have an application pending before the **immigration court**, EOIR has not yet issued additional guidance on how to pay the annual fee for applications filed in court, and the online payment portal currently only allows for payment of the initial fee.



Paying the Annual Asylum Application Fee: As of Sept. 29th, 2025, EOIR has not provided clear guidance on how the annual fee is to be paid. For this reason, some practitioners are using the initial fee option to pay the annual \$100 fee on the EOIR Payment Portal and saving the receipt as proof of a good faith attempt to pay the annual fee. However, given the lack of guidance on this matter, there is no guarantee that payment of the annual fee for pending applications through the application portal will satisfy the annual fee payment requirement at this time.

II. I have an upcoming court hearing where I plan to submit my asylum application. Can I pay at the courthouse?

If you will be submitting an application for asylum, you will now have to pay the \$100 application fee and include proof of payment with your application. If filing in Immigration Court, **you must pay the \$100 new asylum application fee through the EOIR Payment Portal before** submitting your asylum application. Payments **cannot** be made in person or by mail.

After payment, you will get a **receipt** which you must include with your application, and a **payment tracking ID** to look up or reprint your receipt. Please keep these in a safe place.

III. I just submitted my asylum application in court and I want to apply for my work permit (EAD) now. How can I do so?

In general, asylum seekers can request an initial work permit 150 days after submitting their asylum application to immigration court or USCIS. It then typically takes about 30 days after submitting the initial permit application to receive the EAD card. Starting on July 22, 2025, it now **costs \$550** to apply for your initial work permit as an asylum seeker.

Work authorization applications and fees payments are submitted to **USCIS**, **not** through this EOIR portal. For more details, take a look at ASAP's great resources on how you can apply [online](#) or [by mail](#).

IV. Does each person on an asylum application have to pay the fee?

Only one payment is needed for an asylum application that includes more than one respondent/applicant (for example, the principal applicant and their accompanying spouse and children). Please enter the principal applicant's A-Number in the corresponding field when you make a payment on the EOIR Payment Portal.