

**Instructions for Form I-191, Application for Advance  
Permission to Return to Unrelinquished Domicile****Instructions**

Please read these instructions carefully to properly complete this form. If you need more space to complete an answer, use a separate sheet(s) of paper. Write your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if any, at the top of each sheet of paper and indicate the part and number of the item to which the answer refers.

**What Is the Purpose of This Form?**

Form I-191, Application for Advance Permission to Return to Unrelinquished Domicile, allows a legal permanent resident of the United States to apply for permission to return to their home in the United States after time spent outside the United States.

**General Instructions****Step 1. Fill Out the Form I-191**

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, indicate the item number, and date and sign each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. State that an item is not applicable with "N/A." If the answer is none, write "none."
4. List specifically and in detail your reasons for possible inadmissibility. For example, if the application is made because you may be inadmissible due to a conviction of a crime, state in the application the designation of the crime, the date and place of its commission and of the conviction therefore, and the sentence or other judgement of the court. In the case of a disease, mental or physical defect or other disability, give an exact description, duration thereof and the date and place last treated.
5. If the applicant is mentally incompetent or is under 14 years of age, the application shall be executed by his parent or guardian.
6. When completing **Number 3** on the form, where absences have been numerous as a resident alien border crosser or as a seaman, it will be sufficient to give the approximate number of such absences during the years covered.

**Translations.** Any document containing foreign language submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), shall be accompanied by a full English language translation which the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

**Copies.** Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application or petition, an ordinary legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required will remain a part of the record, even if the submission was not required.

**Where To File?**

This form, when completely executed, must be mailed to one of the USCIS Texas Service Center facility addresses listed below.

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries, use:

**USCIS**  
**Texas Service Center**  
P.O. Box 850965  
Dallas, TX 75185

For Express mail and courier deliveries, use:

**USCIS**  
**Texas Service Center**  
4141 N. St. Augustine Road  
Dallas, TX 75227

**What Is the Filing Fee?**

The filing fee for a Form I-191 is **\$585**.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-191 fee:

1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and
2. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

If you live outside the United States, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate for instructions on the method of payment.

**NOTE:** Please spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."

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**Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.** If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.

### How to Check If the Fees Are Correct.

The form fee on this form is current as the the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit our Web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), select "FORMS" and check the appropriate fee;
2. Review the Fee Schedule included in your form package, if you called us to request the form; or
3. Telephone our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information.

### Address Changes

If you changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**.

### Processing Information

**Any Form I-191 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee, will be rejected with a notice that the Form I-191 is deficient.** You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the Form I-191. An application or petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

**Initial processing.** Once Form I-191 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form, or file it without required initial evidence, you will not

establish a basis for eligibility and we may deny your Form I-191.

**Requests for more information or interview.** We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.

**Decision.** The decision on Form I-191 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

### USCIS Forms and Information

You can get USCIS forms and immigration-related information on the USCIS Internet Web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). You may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by telephoning our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**.

As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access the system, visit our Web site. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

### Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with Form I-191, we will deny the Form I-191 and may deny any other immigration benefit.

In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

### Privacy Act Notice

We ask for the information on this form, and associated evidence, to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. Our legal right to ask for this information can be found in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. We may provide this information to other government agencies. Failure to provide this information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form I-191.

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## Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20529-2020. OMB No. 1615-0016. This form expires June 30, 2013. **Do not mail your application to this address.**