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Religious Workers - What Do I File With an Adjustment of Status Application?

With the recent implementation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) allowing concurrent filing of Form I-360 Religious Worker Petition and Form I-485 Adjustment of Status Application, most applicants want to know what documents to submit with an adjustment of status (AOS) application.

Persons with a pending I-360 religious worker petition are now eligible to file an AOS application before September 9, 2009. The AOS application is used by persons who are in the United States to apply with USCIS to adjust to permanent resident status.

Along with the Adjustment of Status Application on Form I-485, one must remember to submit:

- a copy of the I-360 receipt notice,
- two passport style photos,
- a copy of the applicant's passport,
- a copy of the applicant's birth certificate (along with a certified English translation if the document is not in English), and
- a medical examination report performed by a designated civil surgeon.

If an AOS applicant has ever been arrested then a court-certified copy of all arrest records and the final disposition of the case is required (excluding traffic tickets).

Individuals between the ages of 14-79 are also required to submit a Biographic Information Sheet on Form G-325A.

The most important thing to remember before sending the AOS application is the filing fee! Do NOT forget to submit a check or money order to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$1010. No additional fee is required for Form I-765 Employment Authorization Application and for Advance Parole on Form I-131 if filing with an AOS application.

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