

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Compare a USCIS case status with a processing-time estimate

What is the difference between my USCIS case status and a published processing-time estimate?

A case-status message reports information about a particular reference, while a processing-time resource provides a different kind of agency context. Preserve the source, inputs and date for each. Neither a short status phrase nor an estimate is a guaranteed decision date or a basis to infer another applicant's result.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the question before opening a tool.
- ☐ Copy the exact case-status wording.
- ☐ Preserve the processing-resource inputs.
- ☐ Keep estimates separate from commitments.
- ☐ Build a source-based inquiry record.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: USCIS Contact Center

<https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter?GAID=662195141.1590502405>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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