

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Read a USCIS decision notice without importing another case's result

What should I review when USCIS issues a decision notice?

Identify the exact request, person and outcome, read the reasons and instructions, and preserve the complete notice with the prior filing. A decision on one form does not automatically decide every related application. This framework does not choose an appeal, motion or new filing or calculate an individual deadline.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Match the decision to the specific request.
- ☐ Distinguish the outcome from its stated reasons.
- ☐ Read the instructions for any next procedural question.
- ☐ Preserve the underlying record and service history.
- ☐ Prepare a focused review inquiry.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

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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