

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Carrier delivery and USCIS receipt: keep the events separate

Does delivery tracking prove that USCIS accepted my filing?

A carrier record concerns transport and delivery; an agency receipt, rejection and decision concern different events. Keep the complete packet copy, dispatch evidence and later USCIS correspondence together without collapsing them into one filing-status claim. This guide does not calculate a legal filing date or advise a reader to submit a duplicate.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Record exactly what the carrier says.
- ☐ Match the transport record to the actual packet.
- ☐ Read the agency's acknowledgment independently.
- ☐ Prepare an inquiry from observable facts.
- ☐ Keep later status and decisions distinct.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Form I-485 and official instructions

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-485>

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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