

# Change of Address



**If you move, it is important that you update your address with the U.S. government.**

- If you have a current immigration case, you are legally required to update your address with the U.S. government within 5 or 10 days of moving, depending on which agency is handling your case.
- There are many different immigration agencies within the U.S. government, including Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): Immigration Court (IC) and Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). You might have different interactions with each of these agencies.
- By changing your address with the correct agencies, you will make sure to receive important documents in the mail like hearing or interview notices.
  - Note: Changing your address with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will not change your address with U.S. immigration agencies. You need to update your address separately with USPS and every immigration agency you interact with.

## How do I change my address if I am in removal proceedings (Immigration Court or Board of Immigration Appeals)?

- If you are in removal proceedings, you are legally required to update your address with the U.S. government within 5 days of your move.
  - It is important to update your address with the correct agencies. There can be consequences if you do not. If you fail to appear at a hearing before an immigration judge, the immigration court may hold the hearing without you and enter an order of removal against you, meaning that you may be deported.
  - You must change your address with either the Immigration Court (IC) or the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) depending on your case. If you are unsure of which agency your case is with, you can check the EOIR website: [eoir.justice.gov](https://eoir.justice.gov).
  - To change your address, you can submit a Change of Address form online, in-person, or by mail.
    - To change your address online with Immigration Court or Board of Immigration Appeals, submit Form EOIR-33/IC or EOIR-33/BIA at [respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov](https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov).
    - To change your address in-person or by mail, follow instructions on page 2 of Form EOIR-33.
    - Note: You will also be required to send a copy of your change of address form to DHS OPLA following the instructions on the form.
  - You can find all the forms at [justice.gov/eoir/eoir-forms](https://justice.gov/eoir/eoir-forms).
    - Translations are available in Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Punjabi, Spanish, and Russian.

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## How do I change my address if I have a case with USCIS?

- You are legally required to change your address with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within 10 days of your move.
- To change your address with USCIS, submit a Change of Address form online or by mail.
  - To change your address online, create an account at [myaccount.uscis.gov](https://myaccount.uscis.gov) or submit an online form at [uscis.gov/COA](https://uscis.gov/COA)
  - To change your address by mail, complete Form AR-11, Alien's Change of Address Card, and mail it to the address found on Page 2 of the form at [uscis.gov/ar-11](https://uscis.gov/ar-11).
- Note: If you use this form, you must submit a separate form for each family member who is included in your asylum application.

## How do I change my address with ICE?

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the agency that enforces immigration laws.
- Some people have to check in regularly with ICE as part of their case, but others do not.
- If you are required to check in, it is important to show up to your appointment with ICE and update your address with an officer.
  - If you miss your appointment, this may be considered a violation and can have consequences in your immigration case.
- If you are unsure whether you have a check-in with ICE, need to schedule or reschedule a check-in, or have questions about changing your address, go to [ice.gov/check-in](https://ice.gov/check-in).

## How do I change the location of my Immigration Court hearings?

- If you are not able to go to your hearings because the Immigration Court is too far away, you can request to change the location of your hearings. To do so, you must submit a Motion to Change Venue.
- A Motion to Change Venue is a special request and is more complicated than a Change of Address form. It is suggested that you have a lawyer help you.
- Some important notes to remember when submitting a Motion to Change Venue:
  - A Motion to Change Venue is a separate request from a Change of Address form.
  - It must be submitted at the same time as a Change of Address form.
  - It must be submitted in English.
  - It must be submitted by mail. It cannot be filed online.
  - It is not automatically applied and must be approved by the judge.
  - If your Motion to Change Venue is not approved, you must still attend your hearing at the assigned date and location.
    - You may ask the court if you can attend virtually, but it is up to the judge to decide.
- Check your mail and the immigration court system regularly at [eoir.justice.gov](https://eoir.justice.gov) for updates on your court's location.

## Resources

For more information about moving, Change of Address, and Motion to Change Venue, the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) maintains a resource page at [help.asylumadvocacy.org/faqs-moving-traveling](https://help.asylumadvocacy.org/faqs-moving-traveling)

