Volume IX – E-Filing Form I-140 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to highlight key aspects of the I-140 E-Filing module for prospective employers wishing to E-File an Immigration Petition For Alien Worker (Form I-140). The following screenshots and discussion topics will provide a preview of the I-140 on-line E-Filing Form and can be used as a reference to prepare for E-Filing I-140 petitions.

In this document the following topics will be addressed:

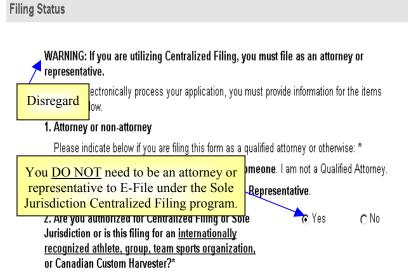
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E-Filing and Centralized Filing/Sole Jurisdiction

Sole Jurisdiction and/or Centralized Filing is a privilege granted to a petitioner, or its attorney/representative, whose headquarters, human resources, or legal operations is located within a CIS Service Center's jurisdiction. If a petitioner's request for Sole Jurisdiction/Centralized Filing

is granted, the petitioner is placed on a CIS Service Center's Sole Jurisdiction/Centralized Filing list and may submit all of its petitions (I-140s and I-129s are petitions) to that CIS Service Center, regardless of where the beneficiary will work or where the petitioner is located.

E-Filing under a Sole
Jurisdiction/Centralized Filing program
without prior authorization, risks
significant processing delays as the
petition is manual transferred to the
correct location.



When E-Filing a petition under a Sole Jurisdiction/Centralized Filing program please note:

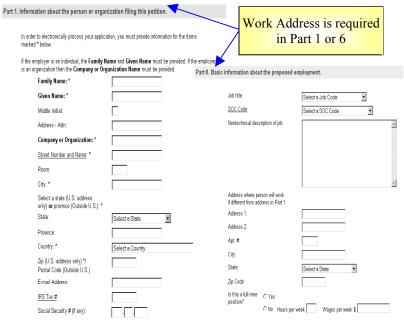
- The warning message that states that you must file as an attorney or representative should be disregarded.
- You must self-select your Sole Jurisdiction/Centralized Filing Service Center when prompted or petition may not be sent to the correct processing location (see dropdown just under the second Filing Status question).

If you are <u>not</u> filing under the Centralized Filing/Sole Jurisdiction program question # 2 should be disregarded.

Answer yes only if you are filling under the Centralized Filing/Sole Jurisdiction program

Providing Work Addresses

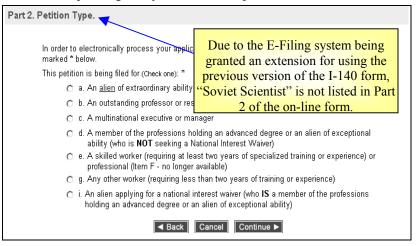
Providing the nonimmigrant actual work location is critical to the electronic routing of E-Filing petitions.



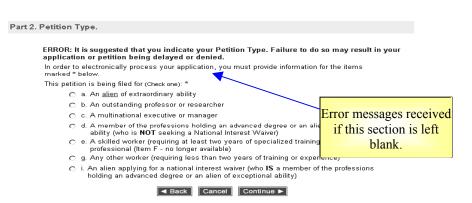
- Routing of E-Filed I-140 petitions is based on work location.
- If a foreign address is provided in Part 1, you will be required to provide a US work address in Part 6.
- If a US address is provided and no work address is provided in Part 6, the system will consider the address provided in Part 1 as the work location.
- If there is more than one work location then you should provide the primary or first plan work location and provide the remaining address on a separate piece of paper with the petition's supporting documentation.

Soviet Scientists E-Filing Ineligibility

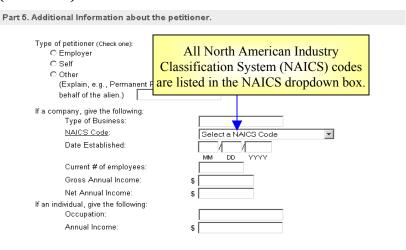
E-Filing is not for everyone and there are a number of situations where you must continue to use the paper-based process in order to properly file your petition. These situations include when you are applying for a filing fee waiver or requesting that your case be expedited.



- Soviet Scientists are not eligible to E-File the I-140 and must file in paper.
- Petition Type is a form specific section that asks a required question that will only apply to the I-140 form.



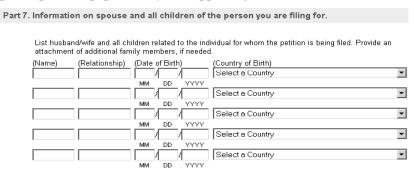
North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes



• The DOL/ETA Case Number field is a required field in Part 5 of the E-Filing form. If you do not have a DOL/ETA Case Number, please follow the paper-file process.

Additional Family Information

If the number of family members exceeds the number of fields provided in Part 7, then the information for additional family must be submitted on a separate piece of paper with your supporting documentation.



I-140 and Concurrent E-Filing

Concurrently E-Filing is a term that describes an E-Filing system functionality. By concurrent E-Filing, certain form types can be electronically submitted at the same under specific circumstances (e.g., I-129s and I-907s). Concurrently E-Filing is NOT synonymous with policies like USCIS' Concurrent Filing program, which refers to petitioner submitting Form I-485, Application for Adjustment of Status concurrently with the I-140 and other forms like:

- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document;
- Form I-212, Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the United States After Deportation or Removal;
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; or
- Form I-824, Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition.

No forms are available for concurrent E-Filing with the I-140.

 Paper-based applications associated with an E-Filing application are treated as separate applications, because they are received and data entered into USCIS' case management system at different times. If there are paper-

Filing in paper is always an option

based applications you wish to concurrently E-File with an E-Filing application, E-Filing may NOT be the best filing method, and while you are NOT required to do so, you may want to consider mailing all your forms and fees in paper.

PDF Troubleshooting

If the PDF Confirmation Receipt Page did not generate, or you were unable to save and/or print the PDF version of the Confirmation Receipt Page, DO NOT FILE AGAIN. Send an e-mail request to E-Filing.Support@dhs.gov and include your Receipt Number in the e-mail message.

I-140 Mailing Addresses for Supporting Documentation

If you have E-Filed your petition, but were unable to save and/or print the PDF version of the petition and confirmation receipt notice, you should:

- Wait to receive the official receipt notice (Form I-797) in the mail;
- Note the receipt number on the I-797;
- Mail the supporting documentation to one of the addresses below, if the
- Include a cover letter referencing your receipt number and clearly state that the supporting documentation is for an E-Filed petition.

IF	THEN
Your petition receipt number begins with "WAC"	Send supporting documentation to: California Service Center Attn: E-Filed I-140 P.O. Box 10140 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0140
Your petition receipt number begins with "LIN"	Send supporting documentation Nebraska Service Center Attn: E-Filed I-140 PO Box 87373 Lincoln, NE 68501-7373
Your petition receipt number begins with "SRC"	Send supporting documentation Texas Service Center Attn: E-Filed I-140 P.O. Box 851391 Mesquite, TX 75185-1391
Your petition receipt number begins with "EAC"	Send supporting documentation Vermont Service Center Attn: E-Filed I-140 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479-0001