



The Timeline Checklist Milestone Tracker

MILESTONE 1: Submission & Receipt

- Action: Mail your petition (I-130/I-140) or application (I-485).
- Document: Receive Form I-797C, Notice of Action.
- Pro-Tip: Secure your Receipt Number immediately to begin online tracking.

MILESTONE 2: Biometrics & Vetting

- Action: Attend your fingerprints and photo appointment at a local ASC.
- Note: Watch for a "Biometrics Reuse" notice, many applicants skip this physical appointment.

MILESTONE 3: Work & Travel Permits

- Action: Processing of Form I-765 (Work) and Form I-131 (Travel).
- Result: Receipt of your EAD/Advance Parole card, allowing you to work while your case is pending.

MILESTONE 4: Request for Evidence (The "RFE" Window)

- Action: USCIS may request additional documents or a new Medical Exam (I-693).
- Strategy: Respond within 48 hours to prevent your timeline from stalling.

MILESTONE 5: Interview & Adjudication (Varies by Office)

- Action: Your file moves to a local Field Office for a final review.
- Result: You attend an in-person interview (if required for your category).

MILESTONE 6: Final Decision & Production

- Action: Case status updates to "Ordered New Card."
- Result: Your physical Green Card arrives via USPS tracked mail.

The "Accuracy" Sidebar

Why can't I see exact dates?

USCIS does not provide fixed arrival dates. Your personal timeline is governed by:

- Priority Date: Your official place in the global queue.
- Field Office Workload: Your local office's current staffing.
- Background Checks: The time required for agency security clearances.

Click the link below to see the current 80th percentile benchmark for your specific office.

Check your green card processing timeline



Is Your Case Stalled?

If your receipt date is past the "Case Inquiry Date" on the USCIS tool, you don't have to wait in silence. We specialize in pushing stalled cases forward.

START AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY

