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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will **expedite** or provide **discretionary** handling of immigration cases impacted by **unforeseen or extreme situations, or natural catastrophes** such as the recent **California wildfires.**

Expedite or discretionary request may be made **during or after filing** an immigration case.

Upon request, USCIS will provide the following on a **discretionary** basis:

- **Changing or extending** a nonimmigrant status in the U.S.: If you don't apply for the extension or change before your authorized period of admission expires, USCIS may excuse a delay in applying for the extension or change before an authorized period of admission expires if it was due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the nonimmigrant's control;
- **Re-parole** of individuals previously granted parole by USCIS;
- Expediting processing of **advance parole** requests;
- Expediting adjudication of requests for off-campus **employment authorization** for **F-1 students** experiencing severe economic hardship;
- Expediting adjudication of **employment authorization** applications;
- Consideration of **fee waivers** due to an inability to pay;
- Extension of response time or acceptance of a late response to a **Request for Evidence or a Notice of Intent**;
- **Rescheduling** an **interview** with USCIS;
- Expediting **replacement** of **lost or damaged immigration** or travel **documents** issued by USCIS, such as a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card); and
- Rescheduling a **biometrics** appointment.

For additional information, please visit: https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations

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