

New Asylum Application Fees: What You Need to Know

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The U.S. government has introduced new fees for asylum cases. These fees apply to both new and pending cases with USCIS and the Immigration Court (EOIR). Payment is required, and fee waivers are not available.



What are the New Fees?

These rules come from a new law called the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

Fee Type	Amount	Who Must Pay
Application Fee	\$100	Everyone filing a new asylum case
Annual Fee	\$100/year	Anyone with a case pending 1+ years

Applying Through USCIS

New Applications

- As of July 22, 2025, submitting an asylum application (Form I-589) requires a \$100 fee.
- Applications submitted on or after August 21, 2025 that do not include payment may be rejected.
- You can pay online and include receipt of the payment with a paper application.

Pending Cases

- If your case has been pending for 1 year or more by September 30, 2025, you must pay \$100 in Fall 2025.
- USCIS will issue a notice, although the exact timing is still uncertain.
- A \$100 payment will be due each year as long as your application remains pending
- Annual asylum fee payments can be made online at: my.uscis.gov/accounts/annual-asylum-fee/start/overview

Applying Through EOIR

New Applications

- Starting July 4, 2025, you must pay \$100 before submitting your asylum application in court.
- Payments can be made online at: epay.eoir.justice.gov
 - Choose: "Court – I-589, Application for Asylum (Initial Filing)"
 - Print and attach the receipt to your application
 - Applications without payment may be rejected.

Pending Cases

- If your asylum case has been pending 1 year or more by July 4, 2025, you now owe \$100.
- Judges may ask for proof of payment, even though the system is not clear yet.
- Since the annual fee doesn't have its own dropdown, choose the I-589 option, submit the \$100 payment, and bring the receipt to your court appearance.

2025 Asylum Annual Fee Guide

Date Filed	Case Age as of 9/30/2025	Owe \$100 Fee in 2025 Annual Cycle?	Action
October 10, 2024	Less than 1 Year	No	First \$100 due in the next annual cycle after Oct 10, 2025.
September 30, 2024	Exactly 1 Year	Yes	\$100 fee is due for the 2025 cycle.
July 5, 2024	Over 1 Year	Yes	\$100 fee is due for the 2025 cycle.
July 4 - September 22, 2025	Recently Filed	Depends	If your case was rejected, pay \$100 now and refile with proof. If accepted, pay now and send proof to the judge & attorney.
After October 1, 2025	Less than 1 year	No	Fee will start 1 year after filing, in 2026 or later.

You only owe the \$100 annual asylum fee if your asylum application has been pending for 1 full year or more by September 30 of the current year.