



Practice Update: New Fee Waiver Form in Effect December 2, 2019

Effective Monday, December 2nd, USCIS will reject any Form I-912 with an edition date of 03/13/18 or earlier, or any fee waiver request submitted **without Form I-912** that is postmarked on or after Dec. 2, 2019. USCIS will adjudicate any fee waiver request postmarked **before** Dec. 2, 2019 [under the previous policy](#).

On and after December 2nd, USCIS will only consider fee waivers on a Form I-912 with the edition date 10/24/2019, and will be using the new limited criteria of 1) [income at or under 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or 2) financial hardship that prevents applicants from paying the filing fee, including unexpected medical bills or emergencies.

For more information, see [USCIS I-912 webpage](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The [new proposed fee rule](#) contains additional limitations on fee waiver criteria. This fee rule is currently under notice and comment with a deadline for comment on December 16, 2019. Note these additional changes **have NOT gone into effect yet**.

Please contact questions@asistahelp.org with any questions or concerns.

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