



## **USCIS Announcement: VAWA Self-Petition interviews to Begin**

USCIS held a small meeting on November 12, 2024 to announce that due to growing concerns of fraud in VAWA Self-Petitions as illustrated by recent DOJ [prosecutions](#), **USCIS Field Offices will begin conducting interviews of *some* VAWA self-petitioners in December, and that interview notices are being mailed out in November (this month).**

Interviews may be conducted jointly by Service Center personnel and local field office adjudicators and will **delve into 360 eligibility** as well as 485/AOS eligibility. The aim, according to USCIS, will be to ensure that applicants have full knowledge of the allegations made in the 360 self-petitions.

**Interview notices will be sent to *some* (not all) self petitioners who file both 360/485 applications. USCIS said that at this time, applicants who filed only 360s will not be selected for interviews.**

Not all 360/485 applicants will be selected for interviews, and USCIS will continue to adjudicate applications without interviews. They urged that a decision to interview should not be considered derogatory. They intend to analyze results from interviews to consider trends and incidences of fraud, and from there decide if more interviews would be appropriate.

USCIS claims that 1367 provisions will be adhered to and that abusers will not be permitted to attend the interviews.

Following the interview, the 360 will be adjudicated by HART, and the 485 by the field office.

We will continue to update the field as we learn more. Expect USCIS policy updates to follow, and we'll circulate those as soon as we have them.

Best,  
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