

Summary of New Asylum Fees

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The text of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (OBBBA) can be found [here](#).

Fees and Taxes

Details

Asylum Application Fee

Greater of \$100 or amount DHS Secretary (DHS Sec.) or Attorney General (AG) establish by rule, indexed for inflation each fiscal year (FY); fee waiver or reduction prohibited.

Annual Asylum Fee

For each calendar year asylum application remains pending before USCIS or EOIR, greater of \$100 or amount DHS Sec. or AG establish by rule, indexed for inflation each FY; fee waiver or reduction prohibited.

Requirement to Charge Asylum Fee

Amends INA § 208(d)(3), 8 U.S.C. § 1158(d)(3), to require (rather than permit) the imposition of fees for an asylum application; remove the prohibition on the amount of the fee exceeding the cost to the government of adjudicating the application; and remove the authority to provide for payment of the fee by installments.

Asylum Applicant EAD Fee

Greater of \$550 or amount DHS Sec. or AG establish by rule, indexed for inflation each FY; fee waiver or reduction prohibited; validity period of (c)(8) EAD not limited by statute.

Asylum Applicant Renewal EAD Fee

At least \$275 for application to renew or extend employment authorization document (EAD) based on a pending asylum application; fee waiver or reduction prohibited. Termination of EAD upon denial by AO or within 30 days of denial by IJ or immediately after denial by BIA.

IJ Decision Appeal Fee

Greater of \$900 or amount AG establishes by rule, indexed for inflation each FY. Does not apply to appeal of a bond decision.

Motion to Reopen/Reconsider Fee

Greater of \$900 or amount AG establishes by rule, indexed for inflation each FY.

In Absentia Removal Order Fee

Greater of \$5,000 or amount DHS Sec. establishes by rule, indexed for inflation each FY; fee waiver or reduction prohibited. Applies upon subsequent arrest by ICE following *in absentia* removal order.

Inadmissible Alien Apprehension Fee

Greater of \$5,000 or amount DHS Sec. establishes by rule, indexed for inflation each FY; fee waiver or reduction prohibited. Applies upon apprehension between ports of entry.

Tax on Cash & Equivalent Remittances

Imposes a 1% tax on cash, money order, or cashier's check remittances. Does not apply to bank transfers, debit card, or credit card remittances.

Note that the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has already begun assessing the OBBBA statutorily-required penalties. Further details are available in this Policy Memorandum from the EOIR Director: [PM 25-35, Statutory Fees Under the OBBBA \(July 9, 2025\)](#).