

# Preparing For Your Biometrics Appointment

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## What You Need to Know

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After you file your application, petition, or request, if you need to provide your fingerprints, photograph, or signature, we will schedule your biometric services appointment at a local Application Support Center (ASC). We have the general authority to require and collect biometrics from any applicant, petitioner, sponsor, beneficiary, or other individual residing in the United States for any immigration and naturalization benefit. See 8 CFR 103.2 (b)(9).

Your appointment notice ([Form I-797C, Notice of Action](#)) will include the date, time, and location for your ASC appointment. The biometrics you provide during your ASC appointment allow us to confirm your identity and run the required background and security checks.

You may obtain a copy of your own FBI Identity History Summary using the procedures outlined in [28 CFR 16.32](#). The procedures to change, correct, or update your FBI Identity History Summary are outlined in [28 CFR 16.34](#). For additional information, please visit the [Identity History Summary Checks](#) and [Privacy Act Statement](#) pages on the FBI's website.

## Information

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**Digital Signatures:** For certain forms, you must submit a digital signature to reaffirm the contents of your application, petition, or request, even if you already signed the certification on the paper or electronic form. By signing, you reaffirm that your submitted application, petition, or request (including one that you provided on behalf of your derivative beneficiary or one submitted on your behalf) and all documents filed with and in support of the application, petition, or request, were complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

**What do I bring to my appointment?:** Your attorney or an accredited representative does not need to go with you to the ASC, even if they submitted your application, petition, or request to USCIS. Your notice will provide specific instructions on what you should bring to your ASC appointment.

You must also bring:

- Your ASC appointment notice (Form I-797C). If you received multiple biometrics appointment notices, please bring all notices to your appointment at the application support center; and

- Valid photo identification (such as your Green Card, passport, or driver's license)

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application, petition, or request your records. We also recommend that you review this copy before you come to your ASC appointment.

**What Should I expect?:** When you appear for your appointment, you will submit your biometrics on machines designed to collect biometrics. When you provide your digital signature, you will also be attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the information in your application, petition, or request (or one submitted on your behalf), and all documents filed in support of your application, petition, or request, were complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

**Age Requirements:** If you are 14 years old or older, you must provide a signature on an application, petition, or request filed with USCIS. We do not require children under age 14 to provide a signature on an application, petition, or request, but they may choose to sign their name during their ASC appointment if they are capable of signing. A parent or legal guardian may also sign the application, petition, or request on the child's behalf.

**What if I Have to Reschedule?:** If you are unable to attend your scheduled biometric services appointment for good cause, you may request to reschedule your appointment through your [USCIS online account](#) or by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). You must make your request before the date and time of the original appointment, and you must establish good cause for rescheduling.

Requests to reschedule through your USCIS online account must be made at least 12 hours before your scheduled appointment time. If your request to reschedule your biometric services appointment is less than 12 hours from your appointment time or you have missed your scheduled appointment, please call the USCIS Contact Center.

If you fail to request to reschedule before your existing appointment or fail to establish good cause, USCIS may consider your application, petition, or request abandoned and, as a result, it may be denied.