

I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence

You are closer to getting your conditions removed and getting your 10-year green card. While you wait, please keep the following in mind.

Processing Times

Check the USCIS website [here](#) to see how long it is taking USCIS to process your I-751.

Check Your Case Status

You can check your case status on the USCIS website [here](#). You will need to input the receipt number you received from USCIS.

Address Changes

It is very important that you promptly update your address when you move. If you don't, your green card may be sent to the wrong address. You can update your address on USCIS's website [here](#).

Green Card Extension Information

When you submit your I-751 form, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will send you a receipt notice. This notice extends the expiration date of your 2-year green card by an extra 48 months. After your I-751 is approved, you'll get a 10-year green card. While you're waiting for approval, you should carry both your expired green card and the receipt/extension notice. You'll need to show these documents when traveling, working, or proving your immigration status.

Getting Ready for Your I-751 Interview

If you filed your I-751 form jointly with your spouse, you will likely have an interview with an immigration officer. During the interview, the officer will want to see new proof that you and your spouse are still living together. While you wait for your interview, it's a good idea to keep gathering documents that show you have a real marriage. Some examples of these documents are updated lease agreements, joint bank account statements, tax returns filed together, shared utility bills, new photos of you together, travel plans from trips you took as a couple, or records of your communication. Bring these documents to your interview to help show your marriage is genuine. This can improve your chances of approval and may help avoid delays.

What to Bring to Your I-751 Interview

You should bring the following to your I-751 interview:

- Your spouse (if filing jointly).
- Your expired green card and receipt notice.
- Interview appointment notice.
- Government-issued photo ID. For example, a driver's license, state identification card, or passport.
- Updated evidence of your bona fide marriage (discussed above).
- Original civil documents submitted with your I-751. Sometimes the officer wants to review the original documents rather than the copies that you submitted with the application. It's recommended that you bring the originals to your interview appointment.

Traveling While Waiting

You can travel outside the U.S. while waiting for your I-751 to be processed, but you need to bring your expired green card and the USCIS receipt notice. These documents prove your legal status when you return to the U.S. It's best to keep your trips shorter than 180 days.

When you come back, U.S. officials may check your immigration history, criminal record, or other details to decide if you can enter the country. If you're worried about anything that might stop you from being allowed back in, contact us to speak with an immigration attorney.

Work Authorization

Your extended green card (with the receipt notice) allows you to keep working legally in the U.S. Show both documents to your employer if they ask for proof of your work authorization.