

**EOIR Courts & Appeals System (ECAS)**  
***Summary of ECAS Enhancements for Attorneys***  
***and Accredited Representatives Users***  
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1. Attach the 180-DAY ASYLUM EAD CLOCK Notice to the Upload Confirmation Email for Uploaded Asylum Documents

When an Asylum document (I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal) is uploaded to the eInfo application, the upload confirmation notification will include the 180-Day Asylum EAD Clock Notice attached to the email. The 180-Day Asylum EAD Clock Notice contains general information about the Asylum Clock and what initiates start and stop.

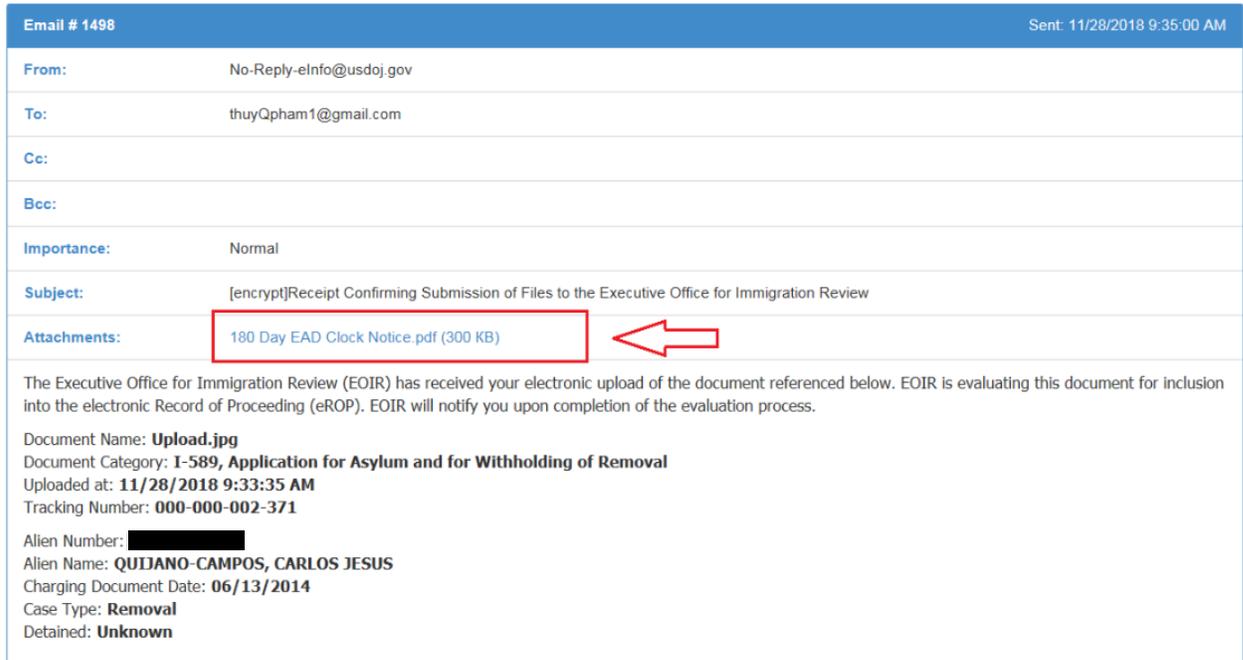


Figure 1: Document Upload Confirmation Notification



**THE 180-DAY ASYLUM EAD CLOCK NOTICE**

**What is the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock?**

The “180-day Asylum EAD Clock” measures the time period during which an asylum application has been pending with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) asylum office and/or the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). USCIS service centers adjudicate the Form I-765, *Application for Employment Authorization*, and use the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock to determine eligibility for employment authorization. Asylum applicants who applied for asylum on or after January 4, 1995, must wait 150 days before they can file a Form I-765. USCIS cannot grant employment authorization for an additional 30 days, for a total 180-day waiting period. This 180-day Asylum EAD Clock does not include any delays applicants request or cause while their applications are pending with an asylum office or immigration court.

**What Starts the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock?**

For asylum applications first filed with an asylum office, USCIS calculates the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock starting on the date that a complete asylum application is received by USCIS, in the manner described by the Instructions to the Form I-589, *Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal*. If an asylum application is referred from the asylum office to EOIR, the applicant may continue to accumulate time toward employment authorization eligibility while the asylum application is pending before an immigration judge.

For asylum applications first filed with EOIR, USCIS calculates the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock in one of two ways:

- 1) If a complete asylum application is “lodged” at the immigration court window, the application will be stamped “lodged not filed” and the applicant will start to accumulate time toward eligibility for employment authorization on the date of lodging, or
- 2) If the asylum application is not “lodged,” the applicant generally will start to accumulate time toward eligibility for employment authorization on the date that a complete asylum application is filed at a hearing before an immigration judge.

Applicants who lodge an application at an immigration court window must still file the application with an immigration judge at a later hearing.

**What stops the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock?**

The 180-day Asylum EAD Clock does not include any delays requested or caused by an applicant while his or her asylum application is pending with USCIS and/or EOIR.

**For cases pending with an asylum office:**

Delays requested or caused by an applicant may include:

- A request to transfer a case to a new asylum office or interview location, including when the transfer is based on a new address;
- A request to reschedule an interview for a later date;
- Failure to appear at an interview or fingerprint appointment;
- Failure to provide a competent interpreter at an interview;
- A request to provide additional evidence after an interview; and
- Failure to receive and acknowledge an asylum decision in person (if required).

If an applicant is required to receive and acknowledge his or her asylum decision at an asylum office, but fails to appear, his or her 180-day Asylum EAD Clock will stop until the first master calendar hearing with an immigration judge after the case is referred to EOIR.

If an applicant fails to appear for an asylum interview, the 180-day Asylum EAD Clock will stop on the date of the missed interview, and the applicant may be ineligible for employment authorization unless he or she makes a written request to the asylum office to reschedule the interview within 45 days and demonstrates “good cause” for missing the interview. A request to reschedule an interview with the asylum office that is made after 45 days from the missed interview must demonstrate “exceptional circumstances,” which is a higher standard than good cause. If the applicant has established exceptional circumstances for missing the asylum interview, and is currently in removal

*Figure 2: 180-Day EAD Asylum Clock Notice*

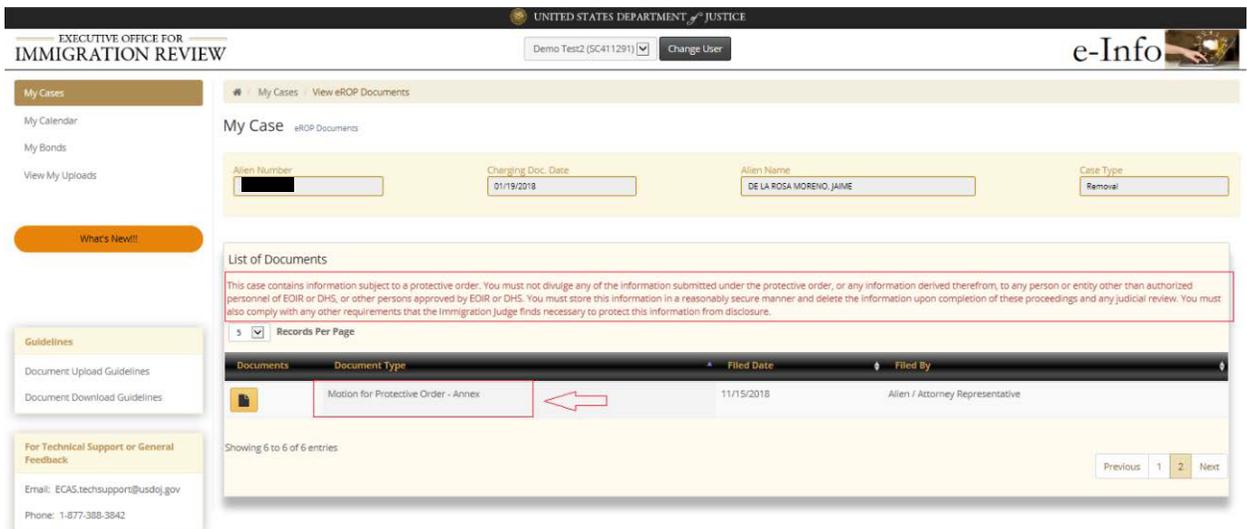
## 2. Update Download and View Permissions for Submitted Motion for Protective Order and Annex Documents.

The ability to view and download a Motion for Protective Order or a Motion for Protective Order – Annex are now dependent on the status of the Motion for Protective order. When the document is initially uploaded the status will be Filed, once a decision has been made the motion status could be Granted, Granted in Part/Denied in Part, Denied, Withdrawn, or Moot.

The permissions for each document is listed below.

*Table: Motion for Protective Order/Annex Permissions by Motion Status*

Motion Status	Motion For Protective order	Annex(es)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filed (i.e., uploaded but no decision has been made)</li> </ul>	Can be viewed and/ or downloaded	Cannot be viewed and/ or downloaded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Granted”</li> <li>Granted in Part/Denied in Part</li> </ul>	Can be viewed and/ or downloaded	Can be viewed and/ or downloaded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denied</li> <li>Withdrawn</li> <li>Moot</li> </ul>	Can be viewed and/ or downloaded	Document is deleted (i.e., cannot be viewed and/or downloaded)



*Figure 3: Viewable Motion Document in eInfo*

## 3. eRegistry - Changes to the Screen Header

The header in the account registration section has been updated to Welcome to EOIR. This change has been applied regardless of the registrar (i.e., attorney, fully-accredited representative or DHS user).

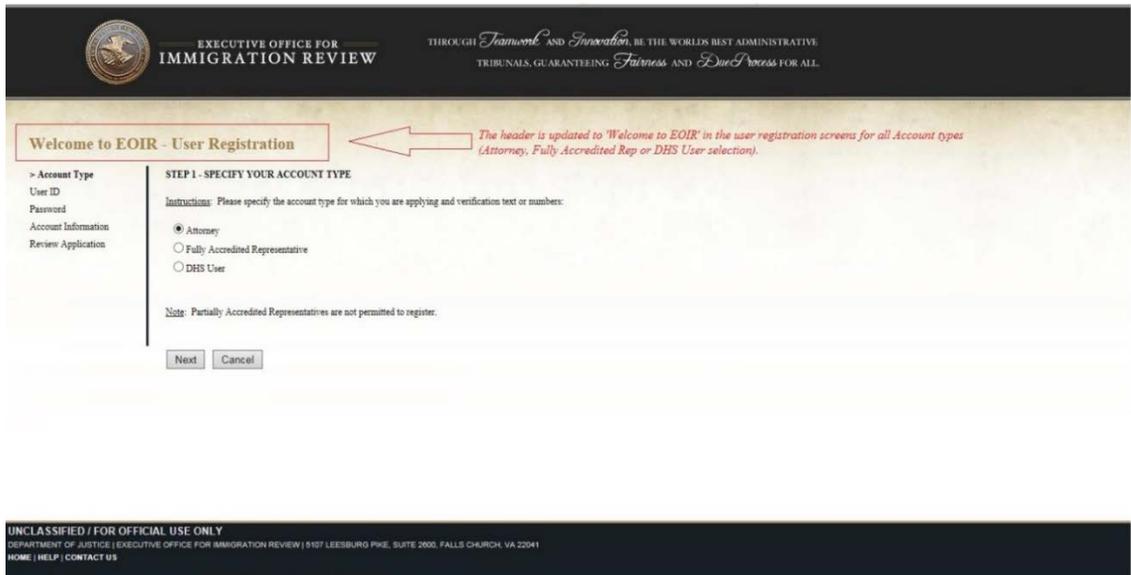


Figure 4: Header on eRegistry Registration Screen Updated

#### 4. eRegistry - Changes to the Required Fields

Changes have been made to the screen for Step 4 – Provide Your Bar Affiliation(s) in eRegistry. Users must now enter their bar number. If the state bar admissions office does not issue a Bar Number, the user can enter Not Applicable.

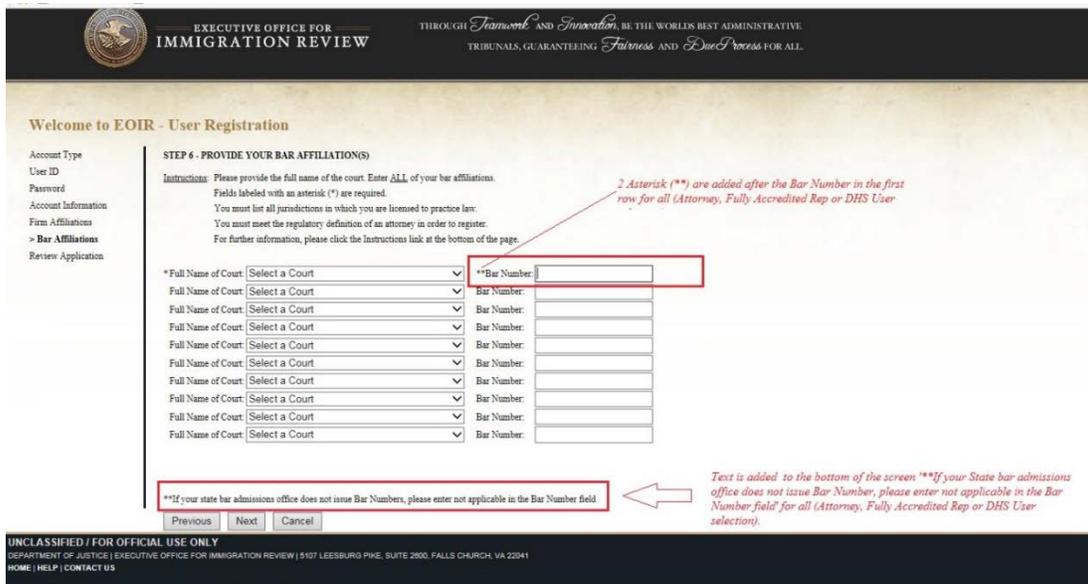


Figure 5: Bar Number Entry Field Now Required on Welcome to EOIR – User Registration Screen