

Chapter 11 Forms

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11 Forms

11.1 Forms Generally

There is an official form that must be used to:

- appear as a representative — see Chapter 2.1(b) (Entering an appearance)
- report a change of address — see Chapter 2.2(c) (Address obligations)
- request most kinds of reliefs — see 8 C.F.R. parts 299, 1299
- file an appeal — see Chapter 6 (Appeals of Immigration Judge Decisions)
- request a fee waiver on appeal — see Chapter 3.4 (Filing Fees)

There is an official form that should be used to:

- file a practitioner complaint — see Chapter 10.5 (Filing a Complaint)

There is *no* official form to:

- file a motion — see Chapter 5.2(b) (Form)
- file a FOIA request — see Chapter 12 (Freedom of Information Act)

11.2 Obtaining Blank Forms

(a) Identifying EOIR forms. — Many forms used by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) do not appear in the regulations. All of the EOIR forms most commonly used by the public are identified in this manual. See Appendix E (Forms). Form names and numbers can be obtained from the Immigration Courts and the Clerk's Office of the Board of Immigration Appeals. See Appendices A (Immigration Court Addresses), B (EOIR Directory).

(b) Obtaining EOIR forms. — Appendix E (Forms) contains a list of frequently requested forms and information on where to obtain them. In general, EOIR forms are available from the following sources:

- the EOIR website at www.usdoj.gov/eoir
- the Immigration Courts
- the Clerk's Office of the Board of Immigration Appeals
- certain Government Printing Office Bookstores

Parties should be sure to use the most recent version of each form, which will be available from the sources listed here.

(c) Obtaining DHS forms. — In general, DHS forms are available at www.uscis.gov.

(d) Photocopied forms. — Photocopies of blank EOIR forms may be used, provided that they are an accurate duplication of the government-issued form and are printed on the correct size and stock of paper. See 8 C.F.R. §§ 299.4(a), 1299.1. The filing party is responsible for the accuracy and legibility of the form. The paper used to photocopy the form should also comply with Chapter 3.3(c)(v) (Paper size and document quality). The most recent version of the form *must be used* and is available from the sources listed in subsection (b), above.

For the forms listed in subsection (f), below, the use of colored paper is strongly encouraged, but not required.

(e) Computer-generated forms. — Computer-generated versions of EOIR forms may be used, provided that they are an accurate duplication of the government-issued form and are printed on the correct size and stock of paper. See 8 C.F.R. §§ 298.4(a), 1299.1. The filing party is responsible for the accuracy and legibility of the form. The paper used to photocopy the form should also comply with Chapter 3.3(c)(v) (Paper size and document quality). The most recent version of the form *must be used* and is available from the sources listed in subsection (b), above. At this time, forms cannot be filed electronically with the Immigration Court.

For the forms listed in subsection (f), below, the use of colored paper is strongly encouraged, but not required.

(f) Form colors. — Forms are no longer required to be filed on paper of a specific color. However, the use of colored paper for the forms listed below is strongly encouraged. Any submission that is not a form must be on white paper.

blue	–	EOIR-26	(Notice of Appeal / Immigration Judge Decision)
tan	–	EOIR-26A	(Appeal Fee Waiver Request)
yellow	–	EOIR-27	(Notice of Appearance before the Board of Immigration Appeals)
green	–	EOIR-28	(Notice of Appearance before the Immigration Court)
pink	–	EOIR-29	(Notice of Appeal / DHS decision)
pink	–	EOIR-33/BIA	(Change of Address / Board of Immigration Appeals)
blue	–	EOIR-33/IC	(Change of Address / Immigration Court)

11.3 Submitting Completed Forms

Completed forms must comply with the signature requirements in Chapter 3.3(b) (Signatures).

11.4 Additional Information

For further information on filing requirements, see Chapter 3 (Filing with the Immigration Court). See also Chapters 5 (Motions before the Immigration Court), 6 (Appeals of Immigration Judge Decisions), 8 (Stays), 9 (Detention and Bond), 10 (Discipline of Practitioners), 12 (Freedom of Information Act).

