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## United States - USCIS Extends COVID-19 Flexibility on RFEs, NOIDs, Other Responses

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it would be extending certain accommodations for an additional period of 60 days, to July 1, 2020, to assist petitioners and applicants responding to the following notices:

- Requests for evidence (RFEs)
- Continuations to request evidence (N-14)
- Notices of intent to deny (NOIDs)
- Notices of intent to revoke (NOIRs)
- Notices of intent to rescind and notices of intent to terminate regional investment centers
- Filing date requirements for Form I-290B, *Notice of Appeal or Motion*.<sup>1</sup>

To help “minimize the immigration consequences for those seeking immigration benefits during this time,” USCIS had originally announced the extension period for response deadlines for some RFEs and NOIDs, along with certain other flexibilities, on March 20 and March 27, 2020 to initially expire on May 1, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

For applicants and petitioners who receive any of the above notices dated between March 1 and July 1, 2020, the agency will accept responses submitted within 60 calendar days after the original response deadline set forth in the document.

This 60-day extension applies only with respect to the above notices issued by USCIS and does not affect applications for extensions of stay or employment authorization. Thus, employers and applicants should ensure that they continue to file those applications in a timely manner.

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## FOOTNOTES:

- 1 USCIS [Alert](#).
- 2 For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-128](#) (March 30, 2020).

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