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P2 PREMIUM PROCESSING UNIT- EXPEDITED PROCESSING

The USCIS will issue a Notice of Action in 15 days after a file is received. There are 4 types of Notices of Action: a Receipt Notice, Approval Notice, Notice to Deny, Request for Evidence, Notice of an Investigation for Fraud or Misrepresentation. Please note that because of backlogs at the USCIS, the files may take 3-7 days to be received. If the Service fails to issue such notice or request within *15 calendar days, the Service will refund the fee automatically and in this instance U.S.C.I.S. will still expeditiously process the case. In the event U.S.C.I.S. determines that the application or petition is not eligible for Premium Processing Service, the fee will be refunded and U.S.C.I.S. will continue to process the case within the normal time period.

PLEASE READ ON!

*On December 21, 2000, the President of the United States of America signed the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2001, Public Law 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000). The legislation added a new section 286(u) to the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) that authorizes the Attorney General to charge a \$1,000 “premium processing” fee which is in addition to the regular filing fee that must be paid when filing certain petitions and applications. This ‘Act’ requires USCIS receiving applications under the Premium Processing category, to process these applications and provide a response to the applicant within *15 calendar days of it’s receipt.*

SHOULD YOU WISH TO UTILIZE THIS SERVICE please include a U.S.D. money order payable to **U.S.C.I.S. (UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE)** in the amount of \$1,000.00. Include this money order with your application. The \$1,000.00 Premium Processing fee is **in addition** to the petition fee of **\$320.00**. This fee is a ‘per petition’ fee. If you are applying for technical crew or support staff (any non-musician) an additional \$1,000.00USD is required.

Please note, Canada Post and Canadian Credit Union Money Orders are NOT accepted by U.S.C.I.S.

Should you decide **NOT** to proceed with Premium Processing regular time frames apply, Regular processing time frames fluctuate between 95 - 125 days.

You can request Premium Processing when a file is already in process. In such cases, please contact AFM Canada for further instruction/information **at least** 30 days prior to your intended date of entry.

PLEASE NOTE: USCIS begins ‘counting’ the 15 days from the day **THEY** receipt the petition. AFM Canada will endeavor to process all premium processing files on the same day they are received. However, **AFM policy dictates a 72 hour turn around period**, so please take this into consideration before applying. In addition, AFM Canada sends all files for processing to the California Service Center via overnight courier. Be advised that it may take 3 – 7 days for USCIS to physically receipt your application after it is sent by AFM.

	Regular Files \$320.00	Premium Files \$320.00 and \$1000.00
Approximate processing time. This fluctuates for Regular files	90 -120 days in the USCIS system	20-25 days in the USCIS system once received
AFM – 3 day turn around policy	Up to 3 days	Up to 3 days
Courier to USCIS	1 day	1 day
Minimum time AFM requires is	95 - 125 days	20-25 days
In order for you to have the original approval notice in your hand add another 7-14 days	102 - 139 days	32-29 days
** Landed Immigrants require an original I-797B Approval Notice and an appointment with an US Consulate prior to travel, so more time is required.	139 days	35 days