

COVID-19 IMMIGRATION UPDATE: USCIS Accepting E-Signatures

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USCIS has announced that due to the crisis caused by COVID-19 and for the duration of the National Emergency, the agency will accept all benefit forms and documents with reproduced original signatures, for submissions dated March 21, 2020 and beyond. A document may be scanned, faxed, photocopied or similarly reproduced, provided that the copy is of an original document containing an original handwritten signature.

Individuals or entities must retain copies of the original documents containing the “wet” signatures as well, which USCIS may request at any time. Should these original “wet signature” documents not be producible upon demand, USCIS has stated that such deficiency “could negatively impact the adjudication of the immigration benefit.”

See the full USCIS press release by clicking [here](#).

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