

More Information from USCIS Regarding Security Check Changes

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The following is from an e-mail from USCIS:

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are working together to process name checks as quickly as possible without compromising security or public safety. To this end, we have examined the existing name check system and acted to address the problem through two strategies:

- First, USCIS and the FBI conducted a joint risk assessment which resulted in process improvements that permit us to focus on cases of concern.
- Second, USCIS and FBI have allocated additional resources to the process. Over the next year, USCIS is planning to commit a total of \$15.5 million to address the backlog of FBI name checks.

Please note, however, USCIS continues to require FBI name checks for the same categories of applications and no case will be approved without a cleared name check. We will continue to work with the FBI to reduce waiting times; but, not at the expense of national security and public safety."