



Change to F1 Student Status

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If you are filing a petition for a change of status, you should submit certain information along with your application. Failure to do so may result in unwanted delays or your petition being denied.

Question: What documents are required for a change of status application?

Answer: You will need:

- ☐ 1. A completed Form [I-539](#) (*application to extend/change non-immigrant status*)
- ☐ 2. A [suggested letter of explanation](#).
- ☐ 3. Your I-20AB Form signed by you.
- ☐ 4. Evidence of financial support. (*The same evidence that you have submitted to get your I-20 Form*)
- ☐ 5. Your original Form I-94 (*arrival/departure record - the white cards stapled in your passport*) or get it online:
<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>
- ☐ 6. A copy of identity and visa pages of a valid passport.
- ☐ 7. A \$290 fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the USDHS (*United States Department of Homeland Security*)
- ☐ 8. A \$200 I-901 fee. (Visit fmjfee.com or ask an international students advisor for further details.)
- ☐ 9. An acceptance letter from the director of the English Language Institute at Queens College.

Question: How do I file my application?

Answer: Bring your complete application with all the documents described above to Bengisu Peker, the ELI International Student Advisor. After your application package is reviewed, you will send your application to the USCIS by certified mail with a return receipt request to:

USCIS, Vermont Service Center, 75 Lower Welden Street, St. Albans, VT, 05479

When the USCIS has made a decision on your application, your I-20 and I-94 will be returned to you. Be sure to photocopy your completed package for your personal record.

NOTE:

Queens College is not responsible for your application, but may assist you at our discretion. This application is a petition for a Change of Status, NOT for visa. If you leave the country, you will still need a visa to re-enter the US.