Immigration Medical Exam and the Form I-693
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<td>Applicant living abroad (or ineligible to adjust status in the United States)</td>
<td>Applicant living temporarily in the United States</td>
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<td>Apply with the U.S. Department of State (DOS) for an immigrant visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad</td>
<td>Apply with USCIS by filing Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Resident Adjust Status</td>
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<td>Immigration medical examination conducted abroad by a DOS-designated panel physician. Examination documented on specified DOS (DS) forms</td>
<td>Immigration medical examination conducted in the United States by a USCIS-designated civil surgeon. Examination documented on Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record</td>
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**2017: 578,081 (about 51%)***  
**2017: 549,086 (about 49%)***

*2017 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, DHS Office of Immigration Statistics
The purpose of the immigration medical exam is to determine whether the applicant has an inadmissible health condition.

USCIS makes the admissibility determination based on the civil surgeon’s findings.

The civil surgeon determines whether the applicant has any Class A or B medical conditions.

The civil surgeon records this information on Form I-693.

The immigration officer reviews Form I-693 as part of the admissibility determination.

Latest Edition I-693

- USCIS released the newest edition on 7/15/19.
- Beginning 9/23/19, USCIS will only accept the latest version of the form.
- You can always find the most current version available at http://www.uscis.gov/i-693.
Part 4. PREPARER

- The final section of the applicant’s portion of the I-693
- A civil surgeon or member of their staff should not complete this section unless they completed the applicant’s portion of the form.

Completing Form I-693: Verify Identity

- Verify the identity of the applicant, recording information from the applicant’s government-issued photo ID.
Completing Form I-693: Vaccination Record

- If the vaccination requirements have been met, please indicate in Part 10.

Don’t Forget!

Completing Form I-693: Final Review

Before signing and dating the Form I-693 in Part 7 (p. 6):

- Ensure all follow-up evaluations and treatment are completed;
- Ensure all Findings/Results boxes are completed for each section;
- Ensure Part 6 (“Summary of Medical Examination” on p. 5) is completed; and
- Ensure the applicant has signed and dated the form in your presence.
Completing Form I-693: Final Review

**Part 6. Summary of Medical Examination** (To be completed by the civil surgeon)

1. **Summary of Overall Findings:**
   - [ ] No Class A or Class B Conditions
   - [ ] Class B Conditions (See Item Numbers 1. - 4. in Part 8. Civil Surgeon Worksheet)
   - [ ] Class A Conditions (See Item Numbers 1. - 3. in Part 8. Civil Surgeon Worksheet)

2. **Date of First Examination** (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. **Dates of Follow-up Examinations, if required:**
   - Date of Examination (mm/dd/yyyy)
   - Date of Examination (mm/dd/yyyy)
   - Date of Examination (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**Completing Form I-693: Final Review**

**Date of signature by civil surgeon:**

- Sign/date only after all aspects of examination are complete and applicant has signed.
- This is the date USCIS uses to confirm if an age-appropriate medical examination was conducted and vaccines were administered (and if a flu shot was required).
- This is the date USCIS uses to determine Form I-693 validity.
Completing Form I-693: Submission

- Place the original Form I-693 and any supporting documents into an envelope and **seal it**. On the front of the envelope, write in capital letters:
  - **DO NOT OPEN. FOR USCIS USE ONLY.**
- On the back of the envelope, the civil surgeon should write **his/her initials across the seal** where the flap and the envelope meet.
Summary

Applicant in the United States prepares paperwork needed for Adjustment of Status (Form I-485).

Applicant makes appointment with civil surgeon and undergoes medical examination.

Civil Surgeon examines the applicant according to CDC’s TIs and records results of medical examination on Form I-693.

Civil Surgeon gives applicant the completed Form I-693 in sealed envelope, and gives him/her a copy.

Applicant prepares adjustment of status application, including the Form I-693 completed by the civil surgeon.

Note: Applicant may submit the Form I-693 after filing the adjustment application, as outlined on Form I-693’s entry page at www.uscis.gov/i-693.

Applicant files for adjustment of status with USCIS.

USCIS adjudicates the adjustment of status application.

If Form I-693 is deficient, USCIS sends a letter to the applicant requesting that the applicant submit additional evidence or have the medical examination results corrected by the civil surgeon.

If required under CDC’s TIs, the civil surgeon refers for diagnosis or classification to another physician or a health department, as appropriate.

Keep USCIS Up To Date!

- It is the responsibility of the USCIS designated civil surgeon to inform USCIS of changes such as:
  - Change in practice location
  - Change in phone number or email address
- Current civil surgeons who need to update this information, send an email to NBCCivilSurgeons@uscis.dhs.gov
Legal Authorities

- INA 212(a)(1) – Health-Related Inadmissibility Grounds
- INA 221(d) – Physical Examination
- INA 232 – Detention of Aliens for Physical and Mental Examination
- 8 CFR 232 – Detention of Aliens for Physical and Mental Examination
- 42 U.S.C. 252 – Medical Examination of Aliens
- 42 CFR 34 – Medical Examination of Aliens

Resources

- Civil surgeons and prospective civil surgeons: https://www.uscis.gov/tools/designated-civil-surgeons
  - Links to various documents, including Form I-693, TIs, and Civil Surgeon Seminar Information
- CDC’s Technical Instructions (TIs): http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/technical-instructions-civil-surgeons.html
- CDC email for civil surgeon inquiries: cdcqapcivilsurgeons@cdc.gov
- USCIS email for civil surgeon inquiries: opscivilsurgeons@uscis.dhs.gov
- Health-related grounds of inadmissibility: USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 8, Part B
- Civil Surgeon Designation and Revocation: USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 8, Part C
Resources

- To register for email updates from USCIS on upcoming outreach events, changes to medical examination policies, or revisions to Form I-693:
  - Visit www.uscis.gov
  - Click on Get Email Updates (located at the top left-hand corner of the screen)
  - Type in your email address and click Submit
  - Under Outreach, check the box for Civil Surgeons
  - Click Save

TB Resources

- Tuberculosis Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons
- Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidelines
Vaccination Resources

- Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons
- Updated ACIP Information
  - [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- CDC Pink Book Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
  - [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/Pubs/pinkbook/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/Pubs/pinkbook/)
  - 13th edition released April 2015 and Supplement in 2017
- Vaccination Guidelines for Pregnant Women
  - [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/preg-guide.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/preg-guide.htm)

Thank You!