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How Do I Find Out My Immigration Court Hearing Date?



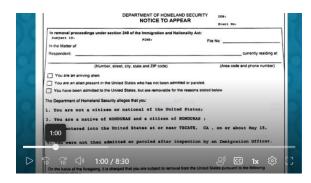
## I. Notice to Appear (NTA)



Hello! Welcome to the Legal Orientation Video on How to Check Your Immigration Court Case Status. I'm going to show you how to confirm your court date, time, and location. This is important because if you miss your court hearing, an Immigration Judge can enter a removal order, which means you could be removed from the United States.

But before we get into it - make sure to click on the link below for a handout with all the information from this video and more. Other Legal Orientation Videos are also listed and linked below. Just remember that

the video and handout provide information only and should not be considered legal advice.



Alright – let's start with this document called a "Notice to Appear" or "NTA". You may have been given or mailed this document sometime after you entered the United States. Your immigration court case begins if and when this document is sent to the immigration court.

It should have your A number, or file number, in the upper-right corner.

It should also have your name and address at the top, here.

The immigration court address, and the date and time of your next court hearing should be at the bottom of the page, here.

Some Notices to Appear may say that the court hearing date and location is To Be Determined or use the letters "TBD." Some Notices to Appear may have incorrect or outdated information about your hearing. So, you should check your case status once a week to make sure that you have the most up-to-date information.

If you are not sure if you have an NTA, contact your local ICE Field Office by using this link or the ICE Services Line at: 1 (833) 383-1465.

## **II. 3 Ways to Check Your Case Status**



There are 3 ways to check your status – 2 ways online or by calling the automated hotline.

**OPTION 1: ICE PORTAL** 

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Let's start with checking your case status online through the ICE Portal. First, go to this website address.

To change the preferred language, click the down button next to "English" in the upper right corner of the window. Then, select your language of choice.

Click the first box and enter your A number. Click the second box and enter your First Name.

Click the third box and enter your Last Name. Click the fourth box and enter your Country of Birth.

When you are ready to confirm you have completed the instructions, click "Verify."

Then, click the "Search" button.

If the text that says, "Information regarding this A-Number is unavailable. Please try again later" appears, double check that you have entered the correct A number, First Name, Last Name and Country of Birth. If the text continues to appear, that means the government has not started your case in immigration court at this time or you are classified as being in protective status.

Remember that the government can start, or file, your case in immigration court at any time. You should continue to check your case status at least once a week. That way, you know if and when your court hearing is scheduled.

If you do have a court hearing scheduled, the website will take you to a new page.

You will see the date and time of your hearing, as well as the location of the hearing. Remember to check your case status at least once a week as dates can change.

If you move, make sure to update your address within the ICE Portal and with EOIR within 5 business days so you can continue to receive any notices from the court by mail. To learn how to change your address and your court location, watch the Legal Orientation videos "Change of Address" and "Change of Venue." You must update your address with the court every time you move.

### **OPTION 2: EOIR AUTOMATED CASE INFORMATION WEBSITE**



You can also check your case status online through EOIR's Automated Case Information System website. First, go to this website address. You will see a disclaimer window. If you agree with the terms, click the blue button that says, "I accept."

You can change the language to Spanish by clicking the down button next to "English" in the upper right corner of the window.

Click the first box and enter your A number. Then, click the "Submit" button.

If the red text that says, "No case found for this A number," appears, double check that you have entered the correct A number. If the red text continues to appear, that means the government has not started your case in immigration court

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at this time. Remember that the government can start, or file, your case in immigration court at any time. You should continue to check your case status at least once a week. That way, you know if and when your court hearing is scheduled.

If you do have a court hearing scheduled, the website will take you to a new page.

You should see your name and A number at the top, here.

On the left side, you should see the date and time of your hearing, as well as the location of the hearing. Remember to check your case status at least once a week as dates can change.

If you move, make sure to update your address with the court within 5 business days so you can continue to receive any notices from the court by mail. To learn how to change your address and your court location, watch the Legal Orientation videos "Change of Address" and "Change of Venue." You must update your address with the court every time you move.

### **OPTION 3: EOIR AUTOMATED HOTLINE: 1-800-898-7180**



Now, how can you check your case status by phone? You can call the automated hotline at 1-800-898-7180 if you understand English or Spanish.

Make sure you have a pen and paper ready to write your case information down. To hear the information in English, press 1; for Spanish, press 2. The system will instruct you to enter your A number using the keypad on your phone. Then, the system will repeat the A number that you entered. If the A number is correct, press 1. To re-enter the A number, press 2.

If the A number is correct but the system says, "The A number information you entered does not match a record in the system or the case has not been filed with an immigration court," that means the government has not started your case in immigration court at this time. Remember that the government can start, or file, your case in immigration court at any time. You should continue to check your case status at least once a week so you know if and when your court hearing is scheduled.

If the A number is correct and the system spells out your name, your case is in the system. If the name is generally correct, press 1 to confirm. If you do not recognize the name, press 2 to re-enter your A number. The system will read the date your case in immigration court started. To hear your next hearing date, press 1. The system will read the date and time of the hearing, and then the address of the court where your hearing will be. Next, you can press 3 to hear the status of your case. If the case is currently in immigration court, the system will say "your case is currently pending."

Remember to check your case information at least once a week because court dates can change. Again, if you move, make sure to update your address with the court within 5 business days so you can receive any notices from the court by mail. To learn how to change your address and your court location, watch the Legal Orientation Videos on "Change of Address" and "Change of Venue".

Thank you for watching this video on how to check your immigration court case status! Remember to review the handout linked below for more information.