

# IMMIGRATION APPEALS — NEW CHANGES

## *You May Have Less Time to Act*

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The U.S. Department of Justice has issued new rules and policy changes affecting immigration appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). These changes are intended to expedite immigration court decisions and reduce case backlogs, but they may also make it more difficult for immigrants to challenge a denial if deadlines and procedures are not followed carefully.

### What Is the BIA?

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The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) is the highest administrative court for immigration cases.

- If an Immigration Judge denies a case, a person may file an appeal with the BIA asking the court to review the decision.

### Current Deadline

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- In most cases, a person has **30 days** after the Immigration Judge's decision to file an appeal with the BIA.
- If the appeal is **not filed on time**, the decision may become **final** and enforceable.

### New Changes

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Recent rule and policy changes aim to expedite immigration appeals and may include:

- **Stricter procedural requirements** when filing an appeal
- **More summary dismissals** if legal errors are not clearly explained
- **More streamlined decisions** by a single BIA member

Because of these changes, appeals must be prepared carefully and filed quickly.

### Important

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Immigration deadlines are strict. In some immigration filings or motions, the time to act may be as **short as 10 days**, depending on the type of case.

Do not delay in seeking legal advice.

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