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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615-0030]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Application for Waiver of the  
Foreign Residence Requirement of  
Section 212(e) of the Immigration and  
Nationality Act, Form I-612; Revision  
of a Currently Approved Collection.**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services, Department of  
Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland  
Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration (USCIS) invites the general  
public and other Federal agencies to  
comment upon this proposed revision of  
a currently approved collection of  
information. In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of  
1995, the information collection notice  
is published in the **Federal Register** to  
obtain comments regarding the nature of  
the information collection, the  
categories of respondents, the estimated  
burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and  
resources used by the respondents to  
respond), the estimated cost to the  
respondent, and the actual information  
collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and  
will be accepted for 60 days until  
January 24, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received  
must include the OMB Control Number  
1615-0030 in the body of the letter, the  
agency name and Docket ID USCIS-  
2008-0012. To avoid duplicate  
submissions, please use only *one* of the  
following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the  
Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at  
<http://www.regulations.gov> under e-  
Docket ID number USCIS-2008-0012;

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to  
DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and  
Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination  
Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue  
NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy,  
Regulatory Coordination Division,

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Massachusetts Avenue NW.,  
Washington, DC 20529-2140, telephone  
number 202-272-8377 (This is not a  
toll-free number. Comments are not  
accepted via telephone message). Please  
note contact information provided here  
is solely for questions regarding this  
notice. It is not for individual case  
status inquiries. Applicants seeking  
information about the status of their  
individual cases can check Case Status  
Online, available at the USCIS Web site  
at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the  
USCIS National Customer Service  
Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-  
1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information  
collection instrument with instructions,  
or additional information by visiting the  
Federal eRulemaking Portal site at:  
<http://www.regulations.gov> and enter  
USCIS-2008-0012 in the search box.  
Regardless of the method used for  
submitting comments or material, all  
submissions will be posted, without  
change, to the Federal eRulemaking  
Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>,  
and will include any personal  
information you provide. Therefore,  
submitting this information makes it  
public. You may wish to consider  
limiting the amount of personal  
information that you provide in any  
voluntary submission you make to DHS.  
DHS may withhold information  
provided in comments from public  
viewing that it determines may impact  
the privacy of an individual or is  
offensive. For additional information,  
please read the Privacy Act notice that  
is available via the link in the footer at  
<http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions  
from the public and affected agencies  
should address one or more of the  
following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed  
collection of information is necessary  
for the proper performance of the  
functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have  
practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the  
agency's estimate of the burden of the  
proposed collection of information,  
including the validity of the  
methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on those who  
are to respond, including through the  
use of appropriate automated,  
electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology,  
*e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of  
responses.

*Overview of This Information Collection*

(1) *Type of Information Collection:*  
Revision of a Currently Approved  
Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:*  
Application for Waiver of the Foreign  
Residence Requirement of Section  
212(e) of the Immigration and  
Nationality Act.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and  
the applicable component of the DHS  
sponsoring the collection:* I-612; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked  
or required to respond, as well as a brief  
abstract: Primary:* Individuals or  
households. This information collection  
is necessary and may be submitted only  
by an alien who believes that  
compliance with foreign residence  
requirements would impose exceptional  
hardship on his or her spouse or child  
who is a citizen of the United States, or  
a lawful permanent resident; or that  
returning to the country of his or her  
nationality or last permanent residence  
would subject him or her to persecution  
on account of race, religion, or political  
opinion. Certain aliens admitted to the  
United States as exchange visitors are  
subject to the foreign residence  
requirements of section 212(e) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act (the  
Act). Section 212(e) of the Act also  
provides for a waiver of the foreign  
residence requirements in certain  
instances.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of  
respondents and the amount of time  
estimated for an average respondent to  
respond:* The estimated total number of  
respondents for the information  
collection I-612 is 736 and the  
estimated hour burden per response is  
.333 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public  
burden (in hours) associated with the  
collection:* The total estimated annual  
hour burden associated with this  
collection is 245 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public  
burden (in cost) associated with the  
collection:* The estimated total annual  
cost burden associated with this  
collection of information is \$90,160.

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